A MESSAGE from the Government of Ontario

Hunting is a popular outdoor activity that has a long and proud history in Ontario. Thousands of residents and visitors take to the field each year in pursuit of deer, moose, small game and a range of other game wildlife.

A number of changes are being proposed for 2009, including expanded hunting opportunities. Check *ontario.ca/hunting* for updates.

This year, the deadline for the antlerless deer draw moves to June 30. All applications to the draw must reach the ministry by this date.

The broad review of Ontario's moose program continues. In addition to updating policies and guidelines for moose management, the review includes potential changes to the resident tag draw system based on public consultation. The goal of the review is to ensure the moose program remains world-class and responds to environmental changes and societal needs.

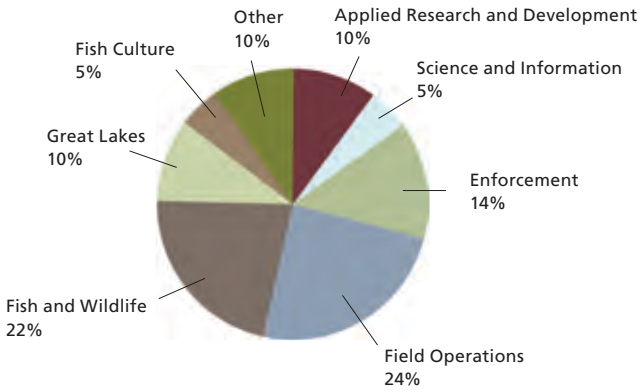
The province's wild turkey populations continue to thrive. The first fall wild turkey hunting season was a success, and there are additional opportunities in place for the spring and fall of 2009.

The Ontario government is grateful for your ongoing support of the province's wildlife management programs. Only by working together can we ensure the conservation of our wildlife for the benefit of this and future generations.

Ministry of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Funding

Since 1996, Ontario has put all licence fees, royalties and fines collected under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act into a Special Purpose Account that is used exclusively for fish and wildlife management.

For 2008/09, approximately $64 million is planned to be sourced from the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account. The remaining funding comes from other provincial sources.



ATTENTION NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

OUTDOORS CARD REQUIREMENT

The Ministry of Natural Resources is working on a project to improve the fishing and hunting licensing system. Once these improvements are completed, non-resident hunters will be able to purchase Ontario hunting licences from home, using the Internet or the automated toll-free phone system. As part of this project, the ministry will also be developing an automated licensing system so that licence issuers can improve service to all anglers and hunters.

The automated system will require all anglers and hunters to have a unique identification number. For that reason, the ministry has extended the requirement to have an Outdoors Card to non-resident anglers and hunters, effective January 1, 2009. The Outdoors Card is required in order to purchase an Ontario fishing or hunting licence, except for a one-day fishing licence.

In 2009, non-resident anglers and hunters will be able to purchase their initial Outdoors Card by filling out an application at any ServiceOntario counter or at any Ontario fishing and hunting licence issuer. There are over 1,800 licence issuers located throughout the province. The paper application will serve as a temporary Outdoors Card until the permanent card is received in the mail. The new Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card will also serve as proof of hunting accreditation, so non-resident hunters will only have to present proof of hunting accreditation initially to obtain the card and then they will only need the card in subsequent years.

Important Telephone Numbers and 2009 Dates for Ontario Hunters

General Inquiry Telephone Numbers

Outdoors Card Centre (lost or stolen cards and general card inquiries) 1-800-387-7011
Outdoors Card renewal (available all year) ..... 1-800-288-1155 or *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*
MNR Natural Resources Information Centre 1-800-667-1940
In Peterborough ..... (705) 755-2000

Automated Telephone Licensing Line* – 1-800-288-1155

Wild turkey licensing telephone system ..... available March 1 to April 30
Turkey Harvest Reporting System ..... available April 27 to June 1
Moose licensing and draw application system ..... available April 22 to June 1
Antlerless deer licensing and draw application system ..... available April 1 to **June 30**
Controlled deer hunt draw application system ..... available August 1 to August 31
Additional deer game seals telephone system ..... available July 20 to August 4

* Please note these are automated systems and you must enter information using your telephone key pad. Please listen carefully, and follow the instructions when using this system.

Draw Results Telephone Line – 1-800-288-1155

Moose draw results ..... available August 1 to December 31
Antlerless deer draw results ..... available August 10 to December 31
Controlled deer hunt draw results ..... available October 15 to December 31

Other Important Telephone Numbers

TIPS-MNR (Natural Resources Violation Reporting Line) 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)
Canadian Firearms Centre 1-800-731-4000
Canadian Wildlife Service (waterfowl seasons) 1-905-336-6410
Banded Birds Reporting 1-800-327-2263
Crime Stoppers (anonymous tips, report a poacher Canada-wide) 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
Forest Fires in the 705 area code (north of the French/Mattawa rivers) 1-888-863-FIRE (3473)
Forest Fires in the 807 area code (northwestern Ontario) 1-888-284-FIRE (3473)
Ontario Hats for Hides Program 1-877-295-7277

Important Dates for Ontario Hunters

Small game licences available and wolf/coyote game seals available ..... All year
Wolf/coyote resident and non-resident mandatory questionnaire deadline ..... January 15 of the following year
Wild turkey automated telephone licensing ..... available March 1 to April 30
Wild turkey and big game paper licences become available ..... March
Moose automated telephone licensing and draw application ..... available April 22 to June 1
Moose validation tag draw deadline ..... June 1
Moose surplus validation tag information from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (ET) – 1-800-363-3730 ..... August 17
Black bear second game seals available ..... August
Antlerless deer automated telephone licensing and draw application ..... available April 1 to **June 30**
Antlerless deer validation tag draw deadline ..... **June 30**
Controlled deer hunt automated telephone draw application ..... available August 1 to August 31
Controlled deer hunt draw paper application becomes available ..... August 1
Controlled deer hunt draw application deadline ..... August 31
Additional deer game seals automated telephone sales line ..... available July 20 to August 4
Black bear non-resident mandatory questionnaire deadline ..... November 30
Black bear resident mandatory questionnaire deadline ..... December 15

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How to Use this Summary

This is a summary of information dealing with hunting licences and hunting laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

a) the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, and the Regulations made under this act;
b) the Migratory Birds Convention Act – Canada, 1994 and the Migratory Birds Regulations;
c) the Endangered Species Act, 2007, and the Regulations made under this act;
d) the Species at Risk Act Canada, with regard to federally listed species that are threatened, endangered or extirpated and their critical habitat; and
e) the Trespass to Property Act.

Each game wildlife species or group of game species has a section in this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations on hunting the species, including open season tables (showing when and where you can hunt that species). The maps that show Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries appear on pages 6-11 of this summary.

See the Definitions on page 78

for an explanation of terms found throughout this summary. You can obtain specific details of the Regulations (including more accurate descriptions of Wildlife Management Unit boundaries) from local ministry offices.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR HUNTERS

As this 2009/10 hunting summary goes to press, several changes have been made to the hunting regulations. For details on the items listed below, check with the local MNR office responsible for the Wildlife Management Units involved. See page 80 for office locations and phone numbers.

NEW – Antlerless Deer Draw Deadline

Starting in **2009**, the deadline for applying to the Antlerless Deer Draw is **June 30**. The earlier deadline will enhance customer service and ensure timely delivery of deer validation tags to hunters.

NEW – New and Enhanced Deer Hunting

A number of significant changes have been proposed to deer hunting seasons in Ontario, including the creation of new seasons in many northern WMUs. Please refer to the season tables found on pages 58-59 for more information.

NEW – Wild Turkey

- New spring wild turkey seasons are now in place in WMUs 45, 46, 53, 54, 55A, 56 and 57.
- New fall wild turkey seasons for WMUs 65, 66A, 80, 85, 87, and 91 are also in place.
- The spring hunting opening day is Monday, April 27, this year.

NEW – Non-Residents Outdoors Card

The ministry has introduced a non-resident Outdoors Card that will be required to purchase an Ontario fishing or hunting licence, except for a one-day fishing licence. Please refer to page 18 for more details.

PENDING – Sunday Hunting

Periodic changes may be made to gun hunting on Sundays in areas south of the French and Mattawa rivers. To confirm the status of the municipality in which you wish to hunt, please check the Sunday hunting information available at *ontario.ca/hunting*.

Moose

Ontario's Moose Program Review is underway. See page 34 for details.

NEW – Non-resident bow hunting season for Moose in WMU 11B. For additional details see page 46.

Importing Carcasses

In 2005, due to concern about Chronic Wasting Disease, Ontario passed a regulation restricting the possession of high-risk carcass parts from some members of the deer family (except moose and caribou) harvested in other jurisdictions. See page 66 or *ontario.ca/cwd*.

PLEASE NOTE: Most jurisdictions have regulations in place governing the transport of carcasses through their area. Hunters should be aware of these regulations to avoid inconvenience, potential seizure of game and charges. You should consult the appropriate government department in all provinces and/or states where you intend to transport carcasses of any member of the deer family.

Endangered Species Act, 2007 and Hunting in Ontario

Hunters understand the importance of a healthy and diverse natural environment. They also know our native species are a vital component of our natural heritage. Ontario's *Endangered Species Act, 2007* protects three times more species at risk than previous legislation in the province, making Ontario a North American leader in species and habitat protection.

The act is now in effect, meaning that some species that used to be hunted legally, such as the Northern Bobwhite and Grey Fox, are now protected. You may no longer kill or take into possession a Grey Fox. Northern Bobwhites may only be taken on a licensed game bird hunting preserve.

We need to act collectively to prevent further losses and to recover species and habitats at risk. Hunters have been very active in restoration efforts, and new stewardship opportunities have been established to encourage voluntary activities to protect or recover vulnerable species.

To learn more about the Endangered Species Act, species that are at risk in Ontario and how you can help, please visit *ontario.ca/speciesatrisk*.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

In-season Regulation changes are posted on the website (*ontario.ca/hunting*).

Regulations are subject to change from time to time, and it is the hunter's responsibility to be informed of current regulations. Information updates for hunters are available at *ontario.ca/hunting*.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR HUNTERS

Counter Services

The Ontario government is committed to making it easier for people to access government services. ServiceOntario is now the key provider of walk-in transactional services and information for the public, including the ministry's hunting and fishing licences.

Before travelling to a ServiceOntario centre, please check the list of offices on page 80 for the location nearest you. For updated information, refer to the list of offices at *serviceontario.ca* by scrolling down the left hand menu and clicking ServiceOntario Centres.

Donation of Big Game Hides

Hunters are encouraged to donate their big game hides to collection depots across Ontario where available.

A list of depots will be available in September from ServiceOntario Centres and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, by calling 1-877-295-7277 or visiting *www.hatsforhides.com*.

Where it is not feasible to donate hides, hunters may leave them in the bush so they may be scavenged by many wildlife species, such as blue jays, ravens, eagles, marten, fisher, foxes and wolves. Disposal sites for hides or carcass remains must be out of public view and well away from homes, water supplies, cottages, public trails and popular recreation areas. For disposal at municipal waste disposal sites, contact your local municipality.

Reminder to Return Hunter Questionnaires

Hunters contribute important wildlife management information through their response to hunter questionnaires. The active participation by the hunting community in harvest data collection supports the provision of increased hunting opportunities where wildlife populations are sustainable. If you receive a questionnaire, please take the time to accurately and completely fill it out and return it promptly.

In the case of Black Bear, the 2009 questionnaire is provided on page 69 of this publication. Copies of this questionnaire are available from ServiceOntario Centres or *ontario.ca/hunting*.

NOTE: Successful wild turkey hunters must now report their harvest by telephone (1-800-288-1155) no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested. This system has replaced mandatory registration of harvested turkeys at check stations. See pages 30-31 for details.

Trespassing

It is an offence under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 for anyone to trespass for the purpose of hunting or fishing. A hunting licence does not give hunters the right to enter or cross private property. ALWAYS ask for permission and obey signs. Positive landowner/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario. For more information on trespassing, see page 25.

Loaded Firearms on Roadways

In many parts of Ontario, it is an offence under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 for anyone to have a loaded firearm on a road right-of-way, or to discharge a firearm from or across the roadway. For more information and a complete listing of where these regulations apply, see page 21.

The Small Vessel Regulations and the Liquor Licence Act

Conservation officers are designated to enforce certain provisions of the Liquor Licence Act, as well as certain provisions of the Small Vessel Regulations, such as safety equipment. Conservation officers will be using these powers while engaged in checks of resource users to verify compliance with fishing and hunting regulations. For more information on the powers of conservation officers, see page 26.

Captive Deer/Elk Escape Notification

Ministry of Natural Resources, along with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, urges all individuals who become aware of an escape from a captive deer or elk facility to report the incident to their local Ministry of Natural Resources office, see page 80. Additionally, if you are planning to transport live farm-raised deer or elk, please contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at 1-800-442-2342 and your local office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for guidance on the necessary live deer or elk movement permits.

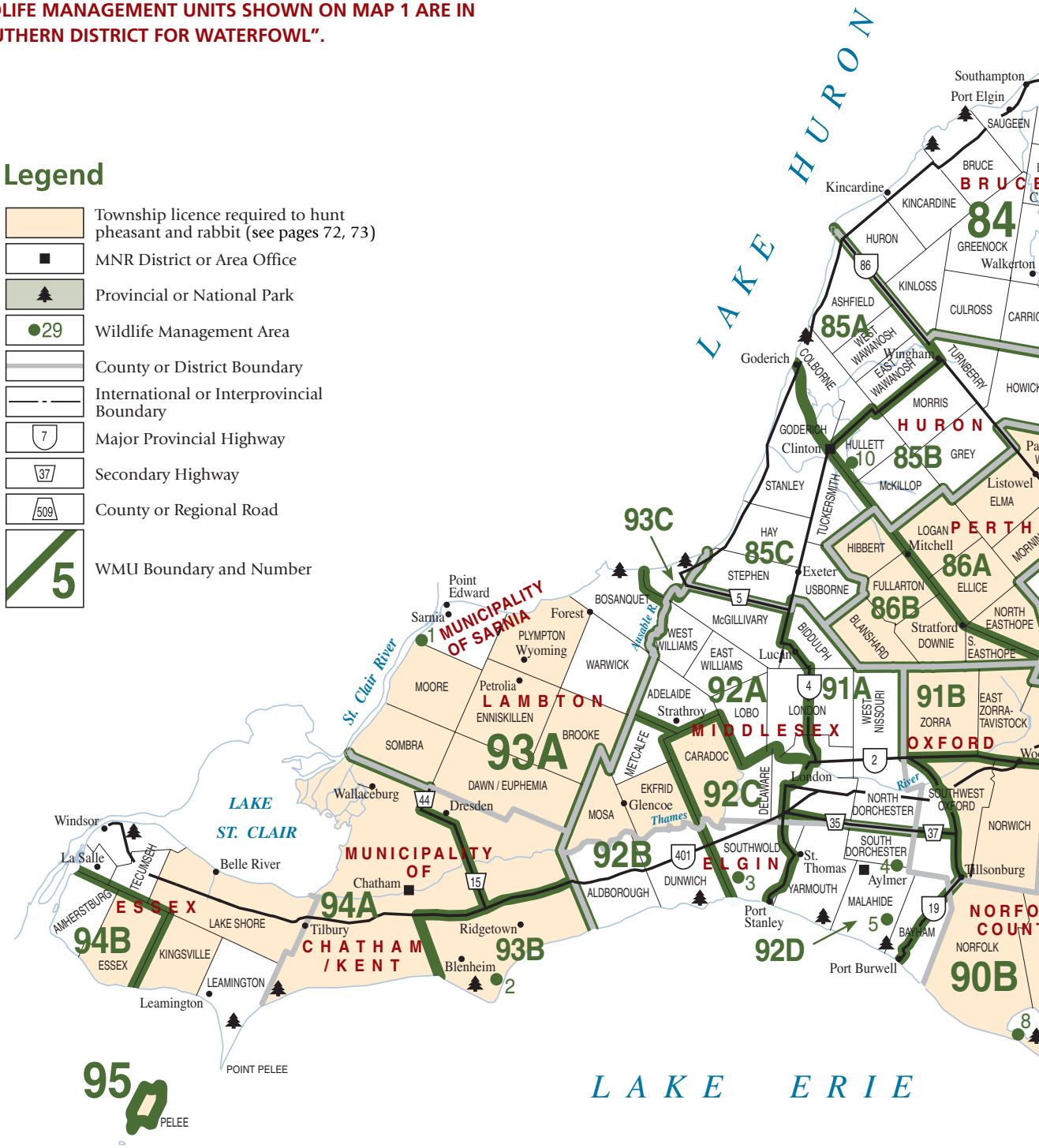
Map 1 – Southwestern Ontario

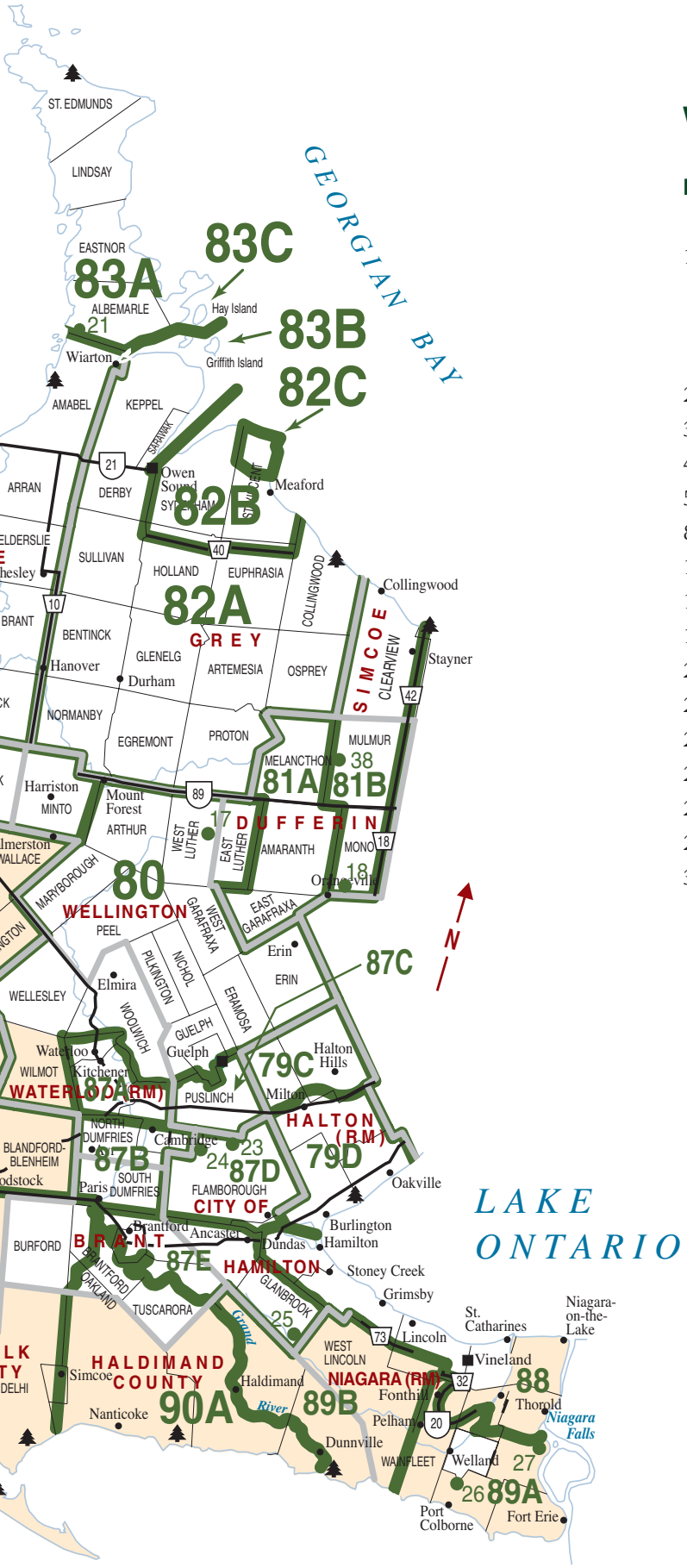
WMU Boundaries

WMU boundaries are roads, lakes, rivers and other physical features wherever possible.
For many roads and rivers, only the portions that form WMU boundaries are shown on the map.

For detailed information on WMU boundaries and Wildlife Management Areas, contact a Ministry of Natural Resources office (page 80).

ALL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS SHOWN ON MAP 1 ARE IN THE "SOUTHERN DISTRICT FOR WATERFOWL".





Wildlife Management Areas

MAP 1

1. Stag Island (WMU 93)
   Stag Island Management Area recently reduced in size. Contact the Aylmer office for details.
2. Rondeau (Provincial Park) (WMU 93)
3. Fingal (WMU 92)
4. Aylmer (WMU 92)
5. Calton Swamp (WMU 92)
8. Long Point (WMU 90)
10. Hullett (WMU 85)
17. Luther Marsh (WMU 80)
18. Orangeville (WMU 81)
21. Rankin (WMU 83)
23. Beverly Swamp (WMU 87)
24. Valens Lake (WMU 87)
25. Binbrook (WMU 87)
26. Mud Lake (WMU 89)
27. Willoughby Swamp (WMU 89)
38. Pine River Provincial Fishing Area (WMU 81)

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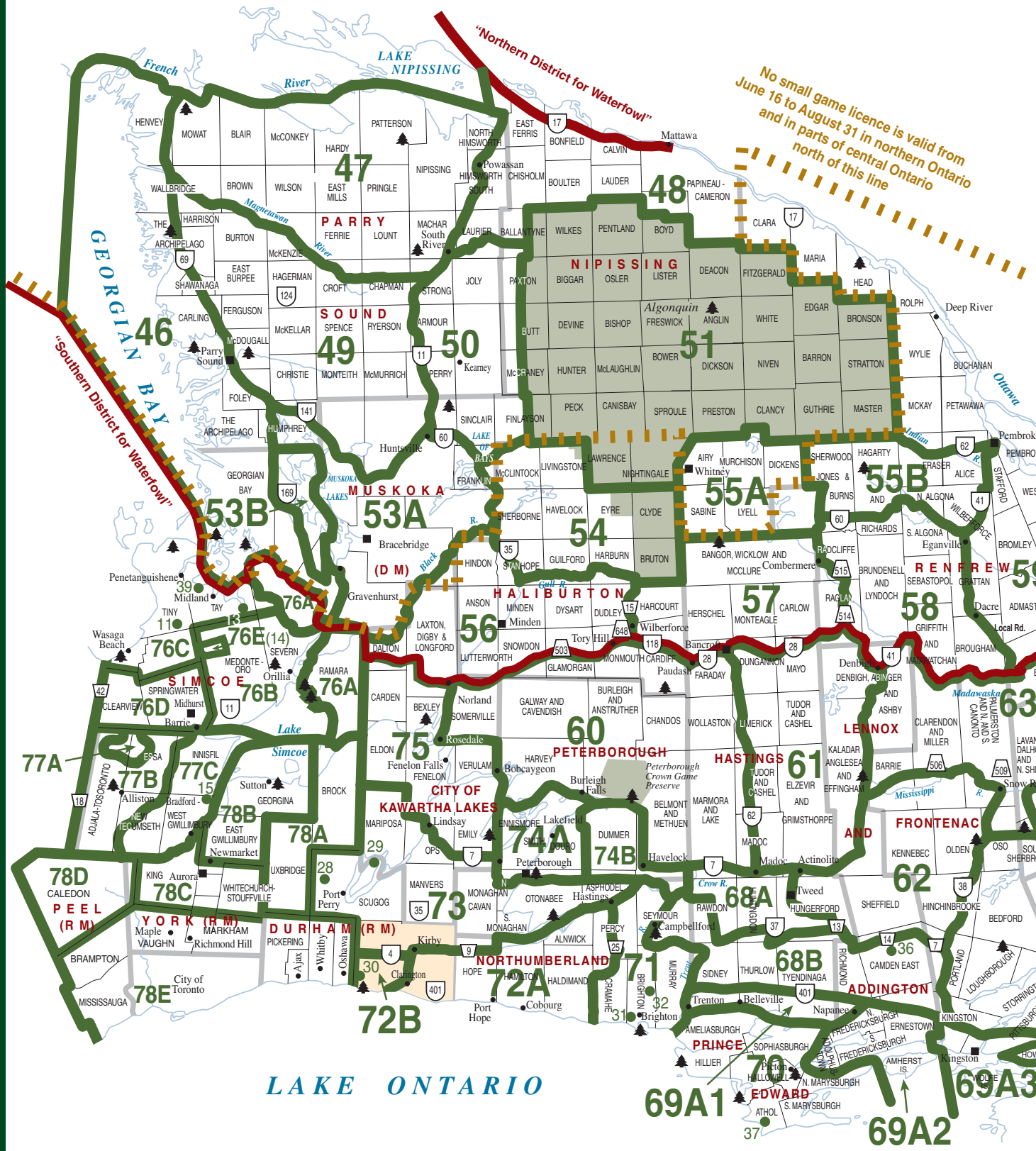
Report Resource Abuse

Call 1-877-MNR-TIPS

Map 2 – Southeastern Ontario



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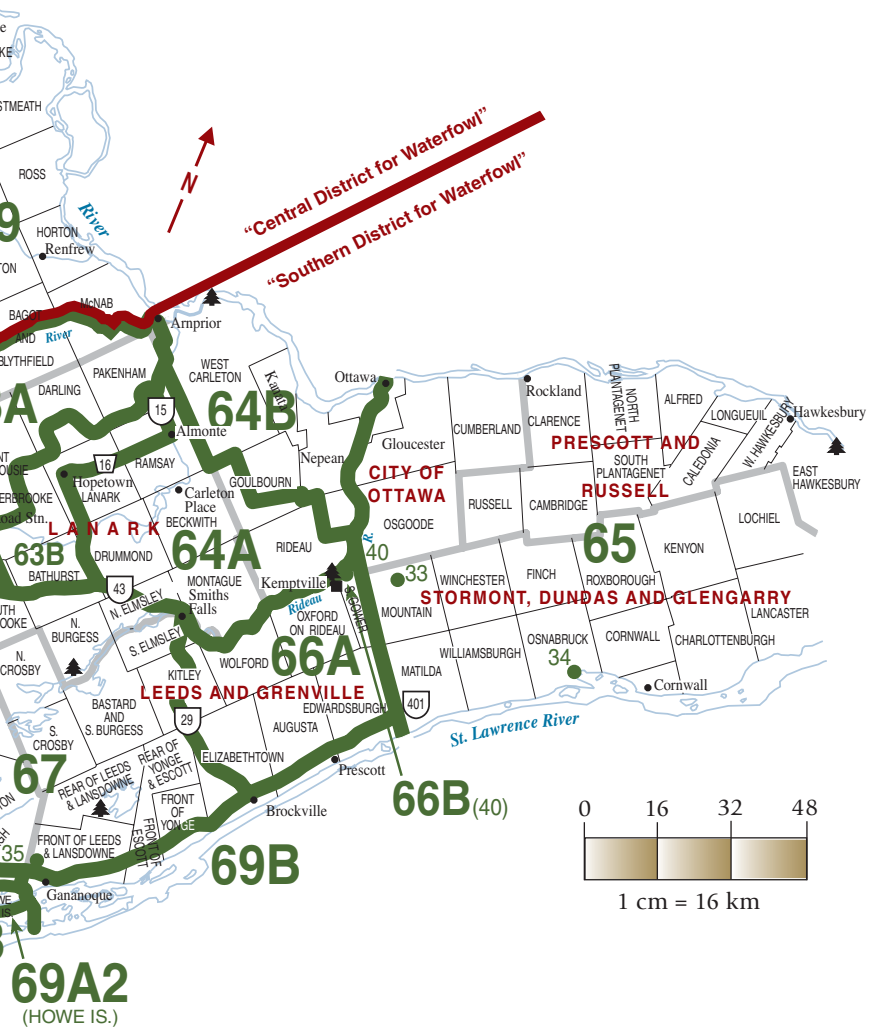
Wildlife Management Areas

MAP 2

11. Tiny Marsh (WMU 76)
13. Matchedash Bay (WMU 76)
14. Copeland Forest Resources Management Area (WMU 76E)
15. Holland Marsh (WMU 77)
28. Nonquon (WMU 73)
29. Scugog Island (WMU 73)
30. Darlington (Provincial Park) (WMU 72)
31. Presqu'ile (Provincial Park) (WMU 71)
32. Brighton (WMU 71)
33. Mountain (WMU 65)
34. Lake St. Lawrence (WMU 65)
35. Gananoque (WMU 67)
36. Camden Lake (WMU 68)
37. Pt. Petre (WMU 70)
39. Wye Marsh National Wildlife Area (WMU 76)
40. Howard Ferguson Nursery (WMU 66B)



Legend

- Township licence required to hunt pheasant and rabbit (see pages 72, 73)
- MNR District or Area Office
- Provincial or National Park
- 29 Wildlife Management Area
- County or District Boundary
- International or Interprovincial Boundary
- 7 Major Provincial Highway
- 37 Secondary Highway
- 509 County or Regional Road
- 5 WMU Boundary and Number

Map 3 – Northern Ontario

Legend

- MNR District or Area Office
- Provincial or National Park
- 29 Wildlife Management Area
- County or District Boundary
- International or Interprovincial Boundary
- 7 Major Provincial Highway
- 37 Secondary Highway
- 509 County or Regional Road
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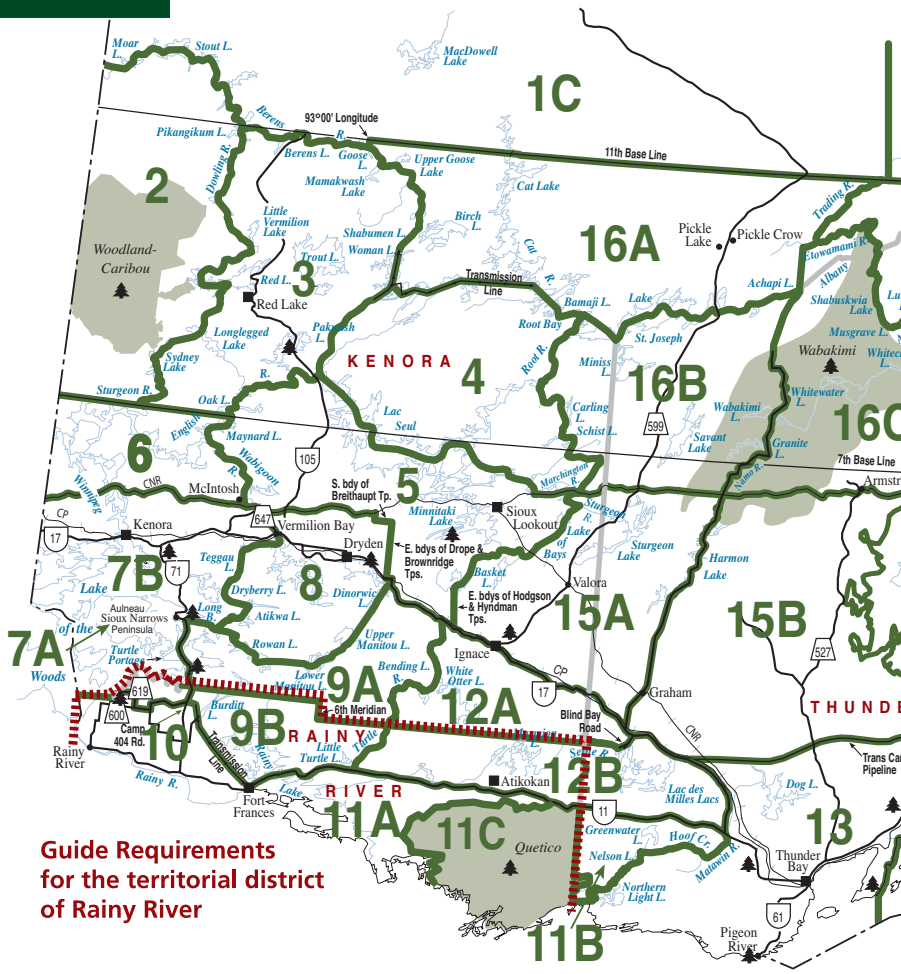

Guide Requirements for the territorial district of Rainy River

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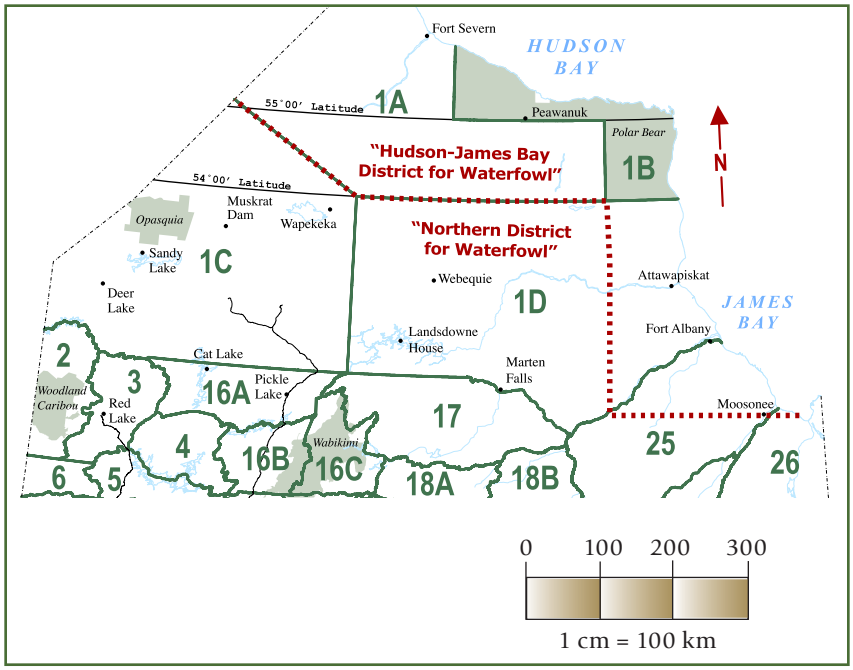

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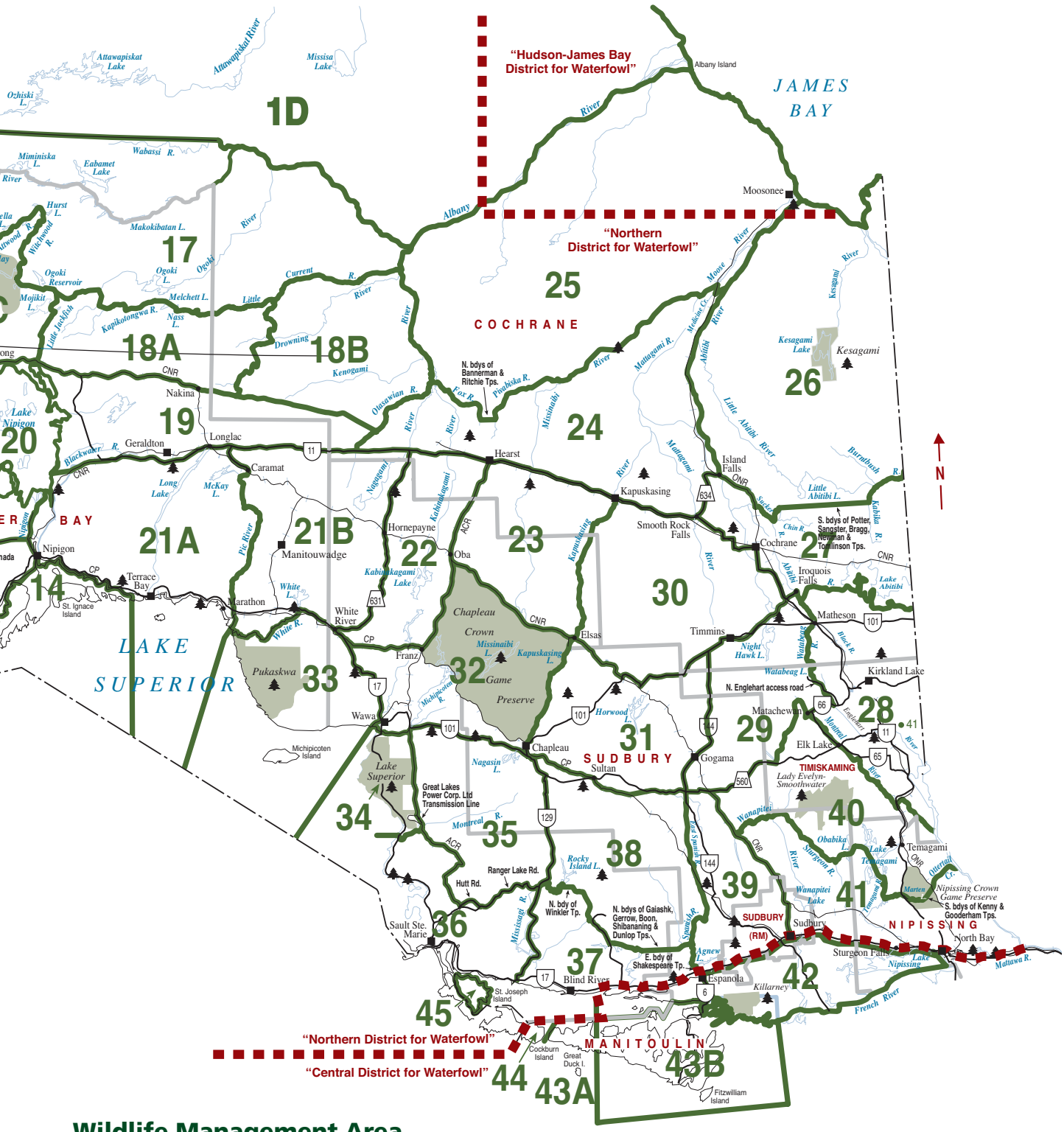

Wildlife Management Area

MAP 3

41. Hilliardton Marsh (WMU 28)

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1 cm = 40 km

Report Resource Abuse

Call 1-877-MNR-TIPS

2009 Hunting Licence Information

All hunters (both Ontario residents and non-residents) must have the hunting version of the Ontario Outdoors Card prior to purchasing a hunting licence or licence tag.

It is illegal for a person to apply for, purchase or possess more than one licence tag each for moose, deer, or black bear.

Ontario resident Outdoors Card holders may qualify for instant small game hunting and fishing privileges. Visit the Ministry of Natural Resources' e-licensing website at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* **for information.**

If you wish to hunt, you must have a licence valid for the species or group of species you are hunting, and **you must carry your Outdoors Card, the licence tag, any validation tags and any game seals with you while hunting. (Validation tags and game seals are considered to be part of the licence.) To be valid, the licence must be completed. Licence validity or expiry dates do not indicate open season dates. You must show the Outdoors Card and licence to a conservation officer if asked to do so.** Check the tables in this summary to see what, when and where you may hunt. (Game species listed in the tables may be hunted only during an open season.)

Residents and non-residents must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible for an Ontario Outdoors Card and licence to hunt. Residents may obtain an Outdoors Card and licence at 15 years of age, but they must first get consent in writing from both parents, one parent (if not living with both parents) or a legal guardian (also see **Hunter Apprenticeship**, on page 20).

All annual licences expire on December 31 in the year in which they were issued unless otherwise noted. A small game hunting licence is not valid from June 16 to August 31 for the area north and west of a line formed by the southerly boundary of the District Municipality of Muskoka and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing (see map 2, page 8). Exemptions exists for hunting small game using falconry birds and hunting game birds on game bird hunting preserves.

TRANSFER OF LICENCES

It is illegal to transfer, buy, sell or give a licence, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence to another person. It is also illegal to use or possess a licence tag, validation tag, game seal or any component of a licence that was issued to someone else. Under certain circumstances, however, moose validation tags can be transferred (see group tag transfers, page 39). It is also an offence to do anything which would enable your game seal to be used by another person.

Licence fees are in effect until December 31, 2009.
NOTE: GST is included in these fees.

1. Moose

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt moose..... $45.50
b) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt moose $386.75
c) Dog licence.....$11.00

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

2. Deer

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt deer..... $38.75
b) Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer..... $22.75
You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form (available from ServiceOntario Centres and some licence issuers) to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or other jurisdiction as the case may be) in which you reside.
c) Resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (selected WMUs only) $38.75
d) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt deer (antlered deer only)..... $193.25
e) Non-resident's additional game seal to hunt deer (May be valid for antlered deer only, antlerless deer only OR both antlered and antlerless deer; selected WMUs only) $193.25
f) Dog licence $11.00

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

3. Black Bear

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear..... $38.75
b) Resident's second game seal to hunt black bear (selected WMUs only) $38.75
c) Non-resident's licence tag to hunt black bear $193.25
Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the hunt report that comes with the Certificate and return it to the issuer of the Certificate by November 30 of the year of the hunt.
d) Dog licence. $11.00
e) Licence to provide black bear hunting services..... $35.00

For information on Export Permits, see page 14.

4. Small Game

a) Resident's licence tag to hunt small game $20.25
This licence tag is valid for a resident to hunt game birds (other than wild turkey), and game mammals (except black bear, caribou, deer, elk and moose). Under this licence tag you may hunt coyote*, wolf*, raccoon, red fox, arctic fox, skunk, opossum and weasel. A small game licence tag also permits you to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird or starlings and other animals not protected under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (e.g., groundhogs)**. You may also hunt on game bird hunting preserves with this licence. This licence is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31, except for hunting by falconry and hunting game birds on a game bird hunting preserve (see Map 2, pages 8-9, for more details).

* When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see Section 5).
** Not all wildlife species can be hunted; consult the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and Endangered Species Act at *ontario.ca/e-laws*.

b) Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night $18.75
See page 74 for regulations to hunt raccoon at night.

c) Resident's dog (raccoon) licence $11.00

d) Non-resident's small game licence tag..... $96.75
This licence authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds (except wild turkey), rabbits and hares in most areas, raccoon (though not at night), wolf*, coyote* and black, gray and fox squirrels but not red squirrels. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves. This licence does not authorize the holder to hunt American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbirds or starlings**. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence in addition to a non-resident's small game licence. This licence is not valid in northern Ontario and part of central Ontario from June 16 to August 31 except for hunting by falconry and hunting game birds on a game bird hunting preserve (see Map 2, pages 8-9, for more details).

A non-resident licence does not allow you to hunt rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

* When accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal in specific WMUs (see Section 5).
** Not all wildlife species can be hunted; consult the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and Endangered Species Act at *ontario.ca/e-laws*.

e) Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve $14.75
To hunt game birds including wild turkeys on a game bird hunting preserve **only**, a non-resident may wish to purchase this licence rather than a non-resident's small game licence.

5. Wolf/Coyote

NOTE: Wolf/coyote game seals are required to hunt wolves/coyotes in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58. Hunters may purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per year. In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95, only a small game licence is required.

a) Resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year) (available from ServiceOntario Centres and some licence issuers) $9.75
In order to hunt wolves or coyotes in the specified WMUs, a resident must have a wolf/coyote game seal, an Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag.

b) Non-resident's wolf/coyote game seal (maximum of two per year) (available from ServiceOntario Centres and some licence issuers) $245.25
In order to hunt wolves or coyotes in the specified WMUs, a non-resident must have a wolf/coyote game seal, an Outdoors card and a non-resident's small game licence.

6. Wild Turkey

Wild turkey licence..... $24.00
In order to hunt wild turkeys, a resident must have a wild turkey licence, valid for either the spring or fall season, an Outdoors Card and a small game licence tag. Non-residents must have an Outdoors Card, a wild turkey licence and a non-resident's small game licence tag.

7. Falconry Licences

a) General/Apprentice Falconry licence.....$19.81
b) Commercial Falconry licence (GST not applicable) ... $198.13

8. Keeping Wildlife in Captivity

Please contact your local ministry office for further information.

9. Migratory Game Birds

(waterfowl, common snipe and woodcock)

To hunt migratory game birds, you must have a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Outdoors Card and small game licence tag. This includes hunting with falconry birds or non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any post office.

10. Possession or Tanning of Furbearing Mammals

a) Licence to possess a pelt..... no charge
(available at ministry offices)
You are required to obtain this licence to possess a lawfully harvested pelt during the closed season or a road killed furbearing mammal acquired at any time. See pages 28 and 74 for the applications of this licence.

b) Licence to send pelts to a tanner. A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the person obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating).

11. Export Permits

(See also Import, Export and Shipping under General Regulations, page 28.)

NOTE: An export permit is required for any part of the animal, including carcass, hides, pelt or antlers.

a) Resident Moose, Deer or Black Bear .....no charge

b) Non-resident Moose, Deer or Black Bear..... $35.00

c) Export permit for furbearing mammals or their pelts .....no charge (available at ministry offices)
This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Ontario any part of a furbearing mammal, including a wolf or coyote. A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter obtains a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

d) CITES permit ..... no charge (available at ministry offices)
This permit is required by resident and non-resident hunters to export from Canada any part of a wolf and may be required for black bear (see black bear, Export and Shipping, on page 67).

For more information on CITES, visit *www.cites.ca*.

The GST does not apply to these permits.

OUTDOORS CARD AND HUNTING LICENCE INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO

An Ontario resident is a person whose primary residence is any part of Ontario and who has actually resided in any part of Ontario for a period of at least **six consecutive months during the 12 months** immediately preceding the time the licence is purchased. Generally hunters who do not fit this definition must purchase a non-resident licence. (See page 18 for non-resident licence information.)

What is an Ontario resident Outdoors Card?

An Ontario resident Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized identification card issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to accompany your Ontario hunting licence tag(s). There are two versions of the card: the hunting version and the fishing (only) version. The hunting version Outdoors Card and the Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card are the only cards that prove eligibility to purchase hunting licences and tags. (They also provide fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is obtained.) You must carry your Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish.

A plastic Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years, expiring on December 31 of the third year. The expiry year for your Outdoors Card is shown on the front of your card, immediately to the right of the card number. Hunting licence tags expire on December 31, unless otherwise noted. **The year of expiry may be different for your Outdoors Card and your licence tags**, depending on how you purchase your licence(s).

The expiry date for one-year licence tags is printed on the lower edge of the tag. The expiry of one-year e-licences is shown in the "Valid Licences" box in the top right corner of the licence.

Three-year small game hunting or fishing licence tags expire with the card. Your Outdoors Card, licence tag or e-licence and any applicable paper licence must be current for you to have a particular hunting or fishing privilege.

Who needs a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card?

To hunt in Ontario, most Ontario residents need a hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licence tags and licences. There are two exceptions to this.

The first exception is an Ontario resident hunter apprentice who is hunting with a licensed mentor. The hunter apprentice must carry an Ontario-issued Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card. (The mentor must have an Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card and all applicable licences, see page 20.)

The second exception is members of Aboriginal communities with Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights in Ontario. These hunters are not required to be in possession of an Outdoors Card provided they are hunting for food or ceremonial purposes within their traditional or treaty area or they are visiting the traditional area of another First Nation and have received proper written permission to hunt from that First Nation.

All other Ontario residents, including Aboriginal persons, either hunting outside of areas where they have Aboriginal or treaty hunting rights **OR** hunting in areas for which they have not received proper written permission to hunt, **must have a hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card and all applicable licences.**

What are the two classes of Ontario resident hunting version Outdoors Cards?

As of January 1, 2006, Ontario recognizes two types of resident hunters (and two classes of resident hunting Outdoors Cards) based on the hunting method(s) for which the hunter is accredited. Hunters will be designated as either H1 or H2.

The Class H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997.

The Class H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 except guns.

Any person with:

- An Ontario hunting version Outdoors Card (current or expired) issued before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Certificate/Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968 and before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued after January 1, 1968 and before January 1, 2006.

will automatically be deemed to be an H1 hunter.

If a new applicant does not have one of the pieces of accreditation listed above, a hunting version Outdoors Card is now issued based on the exam(s) the applicant has passed. To obtain an H1 hunting version Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing BOTH the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. The applicant for an H2 hunting version Outdoors Card must provide proof (an original or certified copy) of passing the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

NOTE: Two classes of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are also recognized as of January 1, 2006. The A1 card permits the Apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 and regulations. The A2 card permits the Apprentice to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations except guns. If the A1 Apprentice is hunting with a gun, the Mentor must hold an H1 Outdoors Card. If the Apprentice is using bow hunting equipment or a falconry bird, the Mentor must hold either an H1 or an H2 Outdoors Card.

Is an Outdoors Card a hunting licence?

No. For Ontario residents, a complete and valid licence to hunt consists of an Outdoors Card or a temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card **plus** the required hunting licence tags **plus** any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

One-year hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the MNR office that serves your area (see page 80) to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

One-year small game licences are available for instant use at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

How do I get a hunting version Outdoors Card if I have never had one before?

An Ontario resident who has never had a hunting version Outdoors Card may apply in one of two ways. The method you use to apply depends on how soon you want to go hunting or enter a wildlife validation tag draw.

The following types of hunting accreditation will be accepted when applying for an H1 hunting version Outdoors Card. You must provide the original or certified copy of one of the following:

- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Certificate/ Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 1968 and before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968 **OR**
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued a hunting licence as a resident or that you passed the Hunting Licence Examination before January 1, 2006 **OR**
- An Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued to you after January 1, 2006, plus proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam.

NOTE: New residents of Ontario have **one** opportunity to successfully challenge the Ontario Hunter Education Exam, without having to take the Ontario Hunter Education Course, if they can provide proof of having been issued a resident hunting licence or completing a hunter education course in any jurisdiction of which they were a resident at the time.

In order to apply for an H2 hunting version Outdoors Card, the applicant must provide the original or a certified copy of an Ontario Hunter Education Exam Report issued after January 1, 2006.

The two methods of applying for an Ontario resident hunting version Outdoors Card are:

1. **If you do not intend to go hunting right away,** you can submit an Outdoors Card application with the original of your hunting accreditation (and, if required, proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam if applying for an H1 hunting version Outdoors Card) and payment, to the Outdoors Card Centre through the mail. (You may want to make a photocopy for your records before sending original documentation.) You will receive the Outdoors Card, with any hunting or fishing licence tags you purchased affixed to the card, in approximately four to six weeks.

   An Outdoors Card application is available by calling **1-800-387-7011**. The application form will be mailed to you.

2. **If you want to hunt or enter a wildlife draw right away,** a Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card is available from ServiceOntario Centres only. You must show the original of your hunting accreditation (and, if required, proof of passing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam if applying for an H1 Outdoors Card).

   A Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card is valid for hunting during the open season as soon as the required hunting licence tags are affixed to the back, and any required paper licences, game seals and/or validation tags are obtained. The Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card is valid until the end of the calendar year. The fee for this Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year card at the end of the calendar year.

My Outdoors Card has expired. How do I renew it?

The date on which your Ontario resident hunting version Outdoors Card expires is shown on the front of your card (immediately to the right of your card number). To avoid any lapse in your privileges, it is recommended that you renew your card as soon as you receive your renewal notification. This information is automatically mailed to you in the fall of the year in which your card expires.

You may renew your Outdoors Card in any of four ways. If you want to hunt right away or apply to a big game draw with a paper application and the draw deadline is imminent, you should renew by purchasing a Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card (see option number four below). If you wish to hunt small game right away, you may be eligible to renew your Outdoors Card and purchase an "instant" e-licence tag over the Internet. Please check the website for restrictions if you wish to add a small game e-licence to your renewal purchase (see option number one below).

The four ways to renew your Outdoors Card are:

1. By visiting *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* and using your VISA or MasterCard. You will need your Outdoors Card number and date of birth to complete this transaction. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you, or print out any e-licences you have purchased. Your expired Outdoors Card, when carried with your e-licences, will allow you to enjoy the open season while you wait for your new plastic Outdoors Card to reach you.
   NOTE: Big game licences cannot be affixed to an e-licence. You must receive your plastic card before purchasing your big game licence tag from an issuer.
2. By using the toll-free automated telephone system and your VISA, MasterCard or American Express. Be sure to have your Outdoors Card number on hand when you call 1-800-288-1155. Please allow two to three weeks for your card to reach you.
3. By mail, using the renewal application sent to you in the fall of the year in which your Outdoors Card expires. Payment may be made by VISA, MasterCard, American Express, cheque or money order. Please allow four to six weeks for your card to reach you. If you need a paper application, call 1-800-387-7011.
4. By purchasing a Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card, in person, from a ServiceOntario Centre. The fee includes the cost of a three-year Outdoors Card. Hunters purchasing a Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card will be charged an administrative fee of $9.75. You will automatically be mailed the plastic three-year Outdoors Card at the end of the calendar year.

I have a current Outdoors Card but my licence tag has expired. How do I get a licence tag for this year?

If you wish to purchase a small game licence, you may do so at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard.* Deer, moose, black bear and one-year small game hunting licence tags are available from licence issuers located throughout Ontario. Call the ministry office that serves your area to find out the location of the issuer nearest you, and where you can purchase any required paper licences.

A deer licence tag is also available when applying to the antlerless deer draw through the automated telephone application system from April 1 to **June 30**. A moose licence tag is also available when applying to the moose draw through the automated telephone application system from April 22 to June 1. The phone number for the automated telephone application system is **1-800-288-1155.**

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Species at risk

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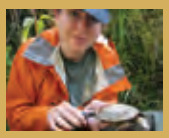

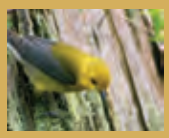

Ontario has a rich diversity of wild plants and animals, but some species are at risk of disappearing from the province due to habitat loss, pollution, competition from invasive species and other factors. Over 180 species have been officially listed as *species at risk*.

Ontario's new *Endangered Species Act* strengthens species at risk protection and recovery. We're working with people and organizations across the province to recover species and their habitats.

You can help protect Ontario's species at risk by reporting any sightings to your local Ministry of Natural Resources office.

To learn more about species at risk, visit **ontario.ca/speciesatrisk**

Some Outdoors Card and Hunting Licence Options for Residents of Ontario

A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 12. The one-year licence fees stated in this Summary are in effect until December 31, 2009 unless otherwise noted. Three-year fees are subject to change after August 31, 2009. For the location of the licence issuer nearest you, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources. A list of Ministry of Natural Resources offices is provided on page 80.
NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose or black bear.

Licence Type	Available From	Fee (includes GST)
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year sport fishing licence tag.	Available at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* (renewal only), by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 (renewal only), and by mail (new application or renewal). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" e-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$142.50
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag and three-year conservation fishing licence tag.	Available at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* (renewal only), by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 (renewal only), and by mail (new application or renewal). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" e-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$111.75
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card plus three-year small game licence tag.	Available at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* (renewal only), by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 (renewal only), and by mail (new application or renewal). **NOTE:** This licence type is available as an "instant" e-licence when the Outdoors Card is renewed over the Internet.	$69.75
Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card only (no fishing or hunting licence tag), valid for three years. **NOTE:** This Outdoors Card becomes a licence only when the appropriate licence tag is affixed or when accompanied by an e-licence. For some types of hunting, a paper licence, game seal and/or validation tag will also be required.	Available at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* (renewal only), by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 (renewal only), and by mail (new application or renewal).	$9.00
Ontario resident's **moose** licence tag, game seal and draw application. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to purchase a licence tag and apply for a moose validation tag on the automated telephone licensing line (with a credit card). See page 38 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the ministry office that serves your area. (For the date and time of the annual moose surplus validation tag telephone line, see page 2.)	$45.50
Ontario resident's **deer** licence tag, game seal and draw application.	Available by telephone (1-800-288-1155) for hunters who wish to purchase a licence tag and apply for an antlerless deer validation tag on the automated telephone licensing line (with a credit card). See page 55 for more information. Also available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the ministry office that serves your area.	$38.75
Ontario farmer's **deer** licence tag, game seal and draw application.	Available from ServiceOntario Centres and some licence issuers that serve your area. For ServiceOntario Centre locations, see page 80.	$22.75
Additional game seals for **deer** (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only).	Available for many of the selected WMUs by telephone at 1-800-288-1155 from July 20 to August 4. See page 53 for more information.	$38.75
Ontario resident's **black bear** licence tag and game seal. Expires December 31 in year of purchase.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the ministry office that serves your area.	$38.75
Second game seal for **black bear** (offered in selected Wildlife Management Units only).	Available from ServiceOntario Centres. For ServiceOntario Centre locations, see page 80.	$38.75
Game seals for **wolves/coyotes** (required in selected WMUs only). Valid only with a small game licence.	Available from ServiceOntario Centres. For ServiceOntario Centre locations, see page 80.	$9.75 (max. two seals per hunter)
Ontario resident's one-year **small game** licence tag. Expires December 31 of the year for which it is valid.	Available from numerous licence issuers throughout Ontario. For the location of the issuer nearest you, contact the ministry office that serves your area. **NOTE:** This licence is available as an "instant" e-licence at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.	$20.25
Ontario resident's **Spring** licence (paper licence) and game seal to hunt **wild turkey**. Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the Spring open season.	Available by automated telephone licensing line (1-800-288-1155) with a credit card from March 1 to April 30. Also available from selected ServiceOntario Centres as well as selected licence issuers in participating ministry districts. See page 29 for more information.	$24.00 per licence, (max. two Spring wild turkey licences per hunter)
Ontario resident's **Fall** licence (paper licence) and game seal to hunt **wild turkey**. Valid only with a small game licence. Valid only during the Fall open season.	Available from selected ServiceOntario Centres, as well as selected licence issuers in participating ministry districts. See page 29 for more information.	$24.00 Max. of one Fall wild turkey licence per hunter.
Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card.	Available from ServiceOntario Centres. For ServiceOntario Centre locations, see page 80.	$9.00 plus an administrative fee of $9.75

Outdoors Card Information for All Hunters

How can I get more information on the Outdoors Card?

The staff at the Outdoors Card Centre would be pleased to answer your questions. You can reach the Outdoors Card Centre without charge from anywhere in North America by calling: **1-800-387-7011**.

The hours of operation of the Outdoors Card Centre are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET).

Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Outdoors Cards, Licences, Validation Tags or Game Seals

If your Outdoors Card is lost, stolen or destroyed, and you do not require immediate replacement, call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 to arrange for a replacement (you should receive your card in approximately 2 weeks). If your licence, validation tag or game seal is lost, stolen or destroyed, or you require immediate replacement of your Outdoors Card, visit a ServiceOntario office (page 80) to obtain a duplicate. An administration fee will apply.

What else should I know about my Outdoors Card?

Here are other important things to keep in mind:

- You must notify the Ministry of Natural Resources of any address or name change within 10 days of the change. You can do this by calling the Outdoors Card Centre toll free at **1-800-387-7011**. Address changes can also be done at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* or at more than 70 ServiceOntario kiosk locations. Failure to change your address within 10 days can result in a fine under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997.
- You must carry your Outdoors Card, with all applicable licence tags attached (and all applicable paper licences), on your person whenever you are fishing or hunting. If a conservation officer asks to see your Outdoors Card, the law states that you must show it.
- Your Outdoors Card is not transferable to another person – it provides privileges to you alone.
- It is an offence to provide false information on an Outdoors Card application, licence tag, game seal or validation tag or to accept a licence with no date or one dated before or after the date you applied for it.
- It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one Outdoors Card or more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose or black bear. Multiple game seals are permitted where they are available.
- Licences cannot be exchanged as part payment toward another type of licence.

OUTDOORS CARD AND HUNTING LICENCE INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO

Any hunter who is not a resident of Ontario (see definition, page 14) who wants to hunt in the province will need an Outdoors Card effective January 1, 2009.

The Non-Resident Outdoors Card will be similar to the Outdoors Card Ontario residents have been using since 1993. It is required to purchase Ontario hunting and fishing licence tags. Extending this card to non-residents is a step in the process to improve the way that hunting and fishing licences are sold in Ontario.

In addition to the following information specifically for non-residents, please review the section titled Outdoors Card Information for All Hunters.

What is a Non-Resident Outdoors Card?

A Non-Resident Outdoors Card is a plastic, wallet-sized identification card issued by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to accompany your Ontario non-resident hunting licence tag(s). The hunting version Non-Resident Outdoors Card and the Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card prove your eligibility to purchase hunting licence tags. (They also provide fishing privileges, once a fishing licence tag is obtained.) You must carry your Outdoors Card or your Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card with you whenever you hunt or fish in Ontario.

I live outside Ontario. How do I get a Non-Resident Outdoors Card to hunt in Ontario?

Non-residents of Ontario must present one of the following to obtain a Non-Resident Outdoors Card to hunt in Ontario:

- An Ontario non-resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968
- A hunting licence issued to you by a competent authority in any jurisdiction as a resident of that jurisdiction after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunter Education Examination Certificate/ Report issued to you after January 1, 1968
- An Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued an Ontario licence to hunt, or passed the Hunting Licence Examination
- A certificate, issued to you after January 1, 1968, by a competent authority in any jurisdiction, giving you permission to purchase a hunting licence in that jurisdiction.

NOTE: A non-resident who wishes to hunt in Ontario must be 16 years of age or older.

Where can I purchase a Non-Resident Outdoors Card and hunting licence tags?

Non-resident hunters who wish to go hunting immediately may purchase a Non-Resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors

Card and licence tag(s) at 800 locations throughout the province including all ServiceOntario Centres. For the location nearest your intended hunting location, call the ministry office serving that area. A list of ministry offices and telephone numbers, and addresses of all ServiceOntario Centres, is provided on page 80.

What should I know about taking my hunting rifle or shotgun into Canada?

Federal firearms regulations require that hunters who wish to bring non-restricted firearms into Canada declare their firearms at their point of entry. A fee is required to complete this procedure; this confirmed declaration is valid for up to 60 days. Firearms Declaration Forms are available from the Canadian Border Services Agency (Customs) offices, through the toll-free Canadian Firearms Centre information line at **1-800-731-4000**, through the Canadian Firearms Centre website at *www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca* (click on "Fact Sheets" and then "Firearm Users Visiting Canada"), and often through hunting outfitters.

NOTE: Non-residents may face special requirements around the import or purchase of ammunition. Consult with your outfitter or call the Canadian Firearms Centre at **1-800-731-4000**.

Some Hunting Licence Options for Non-Residents

The licence fees stated in this summary are in effect until December 31, 2009 unless otherwise noted. A list of Ontario hunting licences is available on page 12. NOTE: It is illegal for a hunter to hold more than one licence tag to hunt deer, moose or black bear.

Licence Type	Available From	Fee (includes GST)
Non-resident Temporary Hunting Outdoors Card	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario, as well as from numerous licence issuers.	$9.00
Non-resident's **small game** licence tag	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario, as well as from numerous licence issuers.	$96.75
Non-resident's **moose** licence tag	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario, as well as from numerous licence issuers.	$386.75
Non-resident's **deer** licence tag	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario, as well as from numerous licence issuers.	$193.25
Additional game seals for **deer** (available to non-residents in selected WMUs only)	Available from July 20 to August 4 by calling 1-800-387-7011.	$193.25
Non-resident's **black bear** licence tag	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario, as well as from numerous licence issuers.	$193.25
Game seals for **wolves/coyotes** (required in selected Wildlife Management Units only). Valid only with a small game licence.	Available from ServiceOntario Centres throughout Ontario	$245.25
Spring wild turkey licence. Valid only with a small game licence.	Available from selected ServiceOntario Centres, and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts.	$24.00 per licence (max. of two Spring wild turkey licences per hunter)
Fall wild turkey licence. Valid only with a small game licence.	Available from selected ServiceOntario Centres, and selected licence issuers in participating MNR districts.	$24.00 per licence (max. of one Fall wild turkey licences per hunter)

BEAR WISE

Hunting camp safety

Many hunters camp in remote locations that are home to and frequented by black bears. These back country camps may be especially attractive to bears because of food stores, cooking odours and hanging game carcasses. Minimize these attractions and have a safe hunt. **ontario.ca/bearwise**

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The Ontario Hunter Education Program

The Ontario Hunter Education Program is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.). The Ontario Hunter Education Course and exam are delivered by approximately 300 certified instructors across the province. To find a hunter education instructor in your area, please contact a ServiceOntario Centre, or the O.F.A.H. at (705) 748-5785 or *www.ohep.net*. To purchase *Ontario's Hunter Education Manual*, contact an instructor or the O.F.A.H.

Two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards and Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available to residents – one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters.

Consent Required

Individuals under the age of 16 must file a consent signed by one parent or guardian **before** attending the Ontario Hunter Education Course or the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course. Consent forms can be obtained by going to the following site *ontario.ca/hunting*.

Class H1 Outdoors Card – *Residents Only*

The H1 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. Applicants for this version of Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are normally delivered in a "One-Stop" combined course, however both courses are available independently if desired. "One-Stop" graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt with a gun or bow-hunting equipment and the federal training requirements for firearms possession, acquisition and ownership.

Any person with a hunting version of an Ontario Outdoors Card, Ontario Hunting Licence or Hunter Education Exam Report indicating a pass issued after January 1, 1968, and before January 1, 2006, will be eligible for the H1 Outdoors Card.

Class H2 Outdoors Card – *Residents Only*

The H2 card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the act except guns. Applicants for this version of the Outdoors Card will have to provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards – *Residents Only*

Similarly, two types of Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available as of January 1, 2006. The A1 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations. The A2 card permits the holder to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations except guns.

Contacts

For information on the Ontario Hunter Education Program, contact the O.F.A.H. at (705) 748-5785 or *www.ohep.net*.

For information on the federal Firearms Act, contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at 1-800-731-4000 or *www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca*.

HUNTER APPRENTICESHIP SAFETY PROGRAM – RESIDENTS ONLY

Ontario's Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program allows individuals to safely develop their hunting skills while under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a qualified mentor. The program provides practical training for future hunters. Two classes of Ontario Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Cards are available – one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters.

Class A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A1 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and will have to provide documentation that they have passed both the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam and the Canadian Firearms Safety Course exam. These courses are available in a "One-Stop" combined course; however, both courses are available independently if desired. One Stop graduates will meet provincial training requirements to hunt with a gun or bow hunting equipment and the federal training requirements for firearms possession, acquisition and ownership. (**NOTE:** To own, acquire, and register a gun you must be 18 years of age or older).

Class A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card

The A2 Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card permits the cardholder to hunt with all methods permitted under the act and regulations except guns. Applicants for this version of the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card must be 12 years of age or older and provide documentation that they have passed the Ontario Hunter Education Course exam.

Other Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Program Requirements:

- Written permission of parent or legal guardian is required if the applicant is 12 to 15 years of age.
- The applicant must be a resident of Ontario.
- The apprentice, while hunting, must be under the **direct and immediate supervision** of a mentor who is 18 years of age or older, and who holds a valid Outdoors Card of the equivalent class and hunting licence for the game species being hunted.
- The apprentice must share a **single firearm** with the mentor.
- An apprentice must possess a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt migratory game birds.
- With the exception of migratory game birds, game wildlife taken by the apprentice must be added to the daily bag limit of the mentor.
- If wild turkey is being hunted, the apprentice must take the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and pass the exam.
- A Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card is valid for three years.
- Apprentices must carry the Hunter Apprenticeship Safety Card with them while hunting.

Firearms

Firearms include rifles, shotguns, air or pellet guns, bows and crossbows. You may use semi-automatic or repeating firearms for hunting in Ontario, but not handguns or fully automatic firearms. Air and pellet pistols with a muzzle velocity less than 500 feet per second may be used for hunting in Ontario.

Remember: Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who discharge firearms without due care and attention or consideration for persons and property are liable to a fine of up to $25,000 or imprisonment for up to two years – or both. Depending on the circumstances, a person may also be subject to charges under the Criminal Code.

ANY hunting injury caused by the discharge of a firearm and which results in treatment by a physician MUST BE reported to a conservation officer as soon as practical.

Before hunting, check local sunrise-sunset times. You may only hunt from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset (exceptions: night raccoon, wild turkey, and in some WMUs, pheasant). If you are in an area usually inhabited by wildlife, during the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise, you must unload and encase any firearms (including air gun, pellet gun, bow or crossbow) in your possession.

Firearms must be enclosed on all six sides.

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has a cartridge in the chamber or in a magazine that is attached to the firearm.

A **muzzle-loader** is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

A **crossbow** is considered to be loaded if the bow is cocked and there is a bolt in the crossbow. A bow other than a crossbow is considered to be loaded if the bow is strung and an arrow is nocked.

The draw length of a **bow** (compound, recurve, long) is the measured distance from the outer edge of the main riser (handle), following the line of an arrow to the string at the anchor point.

The draw length of a **crossbow** is measured along the bolt ramp (where the bolt rests) from the outer edge of the main limb, to the anchor point (release latch mechanism) at full draw.

NOTE: The criteria for broadheads used for bow hunting big game and wild turkey have been simplified. A broadhead used for these species must have at least two sharp cutting edges that are at least 22mm wide.

Roads – Possession and Discharge of Firearms

Restriction	Area
No **possession** of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a road (or fenceline where one exists) at any time AND no **discharge** of a firearm from or across a right-of-way for the passage of vehicles at any time.	Brant, Bruce, City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County), Dufferin, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Essex (except the township of Pelee), Frontenac*, Glengarry, Grenville, Grey, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, the townships of Hungerford, Huntingdon, Rawdon, Sidney, Thurlow, and Tyendinaga in the county of Hastings, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Lennox and Addington*, Leeds, Middlesex, Niagara, Northumberland, Ottawa-Carleton, Oxford, Peel, Perth, Peterborough*, Prescott, Prince Edward, Russell, Simcoe, Stormont, Waterloo, Wellington, York. *except those areas listed in row 2 below.
No **possession** of a loaded firearm within eight metres of the travelled portion of a road (or fenceline where one exists) during an open gun season for deer AND no **discharge** of a firearm from or across a right-of-way for the passage of vehicles at any time.	The townships of Barrie, Clarendon, Hinchinbrooke, Kennebec, Miller, North Canonto, Olden, Oso, Palmerston, and South Canonto in Frontenac County. The townships of Abinger, Anglesea, Ashby, Denbigh, Effingham, Kaladar, and Sheffield in the County of Lennox and Addington. The townships of Anstruther, Burleigh, Cavendish, Chandos, Galway, Harvey, and Methuen in the County of Peterborough. The County of Hastings, except Hungerford, Huntingdon, Rawdon, Sidney, Thurlow and Tyendinaga. The geographic townships of Carden, Dalton, Digby, Laxton, Longford, and Somerville in the City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County). Counties of Haliburton, Muskoka, and Renfrew.
No **discharge** of firearms from or across the travelled portion of a right of way.	Any part of the province not listed above.

NOTE: The restrictions above do not apply to an unmaintained right of way.

Summary of Firearms Restrictions for Hunting in Ontario

Game Species & Season	Centre-Fire Rifle	Rim-Fire Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Bows See page 21 for measurement instructions.	
					Bow (compound, recurve, long)	Crossbow
Moose – Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	Bows must have a draw weight of at least 22 kilograms (48.5 lb.) at draw length of 700 mm (27.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 54 kilograms (119 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Moose – Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Moose – Bows-Only	No	No	No	No		
Black Bear	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes		
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders	Yes	No		Yes	BBows must have a draw weight of at least 18 kilograms (39.7l b.) at a draw length of 700 mm(26.6 in.) or less. Arrows must be at least 600 mm (23.6 in.) long and have at a minimum a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide arrow head with at least two sharp cutting edges.	Crossbows must have a draw length of at least 300 mm (11.8 in.) and a draw weight of at least 45 kilograms (99.2 lb.). At a minimum bolts must have a 22 mm (0.87 in.) wide bolt head with at least two sharp cutting edges.
Deer – Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No		Yes		
Deer – Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes		
Deer – Bows-Only	No	No	No	No		
Wild Turkey	No	No	Not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.	Muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge. Shot size must be 4, 5, or 6.		
Deer – Rifles, Shotguns, and Muzzle-loaders Only	Yes	No	Yes, but no person shall use a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or No. 1 buck.	Yes	No	No
Deer – Shotguns and Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No		Yes	No	No
Deer – Muzzle-loaders Only	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

NOTE: See appropriate sections for complete details.
In an area where there is an open season for deer, moose or black bear if you are the holder of a small game licence, you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or 22 long rifle or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be.
When hunting deer or moose you may only use or carry the type of firearms allowed.

The length of an arrow is measured from the base of the arrowhead to the bottom of the nock slot.

You must plug a **semi-automatic or repeating shotgun** so that it will not hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.

On the Aulneau Peninsula (WMU 7A), from September 1 to December 15 and from April 15 to June 15, you must not use a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 lead shot, steel shot that is not larger than triple BBB shot, bismuth shot that is not larger than double BB shot or a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a rifle known as the .22 calibre rim-fire rifle. The calibre limitations do not apply to flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading rifles.

Under the Criminal Code of Canada you cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than five shots for a semi-automatic centre fire rifle unless that clip/magazine has been specifically exempted, pursuant to the Firearms Regulations.

Contact the Canadian Firearms Centre at **1-800-731-4000** (or *www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca)* for information about the requirements for firearm ownership and firearm licensing. For storage and transportation information, **contact your local police service**. Some municipalities have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the local municipal office for details.

Hunter Orange

The objective of the hunter orange regulation is to maximize hunter safety without negatively impacting hunting success. Under this regulation, **all licensed hunters, including bow hunters and falconers**, hunting during the **gun** season for deer and moose, are required to wear hunter orange. This requirement does not apply to persons who are hunting migratory game birds, except woodcock.

In addition, all licenced black bear hunters hunting during the open season for black bear are required to wear hunter orange except when in a tree stand.

Where there is a gun season for moose or deer concurrent with an open black bear season, then the only persons exempted from wearing hunter orange are waterfowl hunters, as indicated above.

A hunter orange garment and head cover must be worn. The hunter orange garment must cover a minimum of 2,580 square cm (400 square inches) above the waist and be visible from all sides. Open mesh or camouflage hunter orange must not be part of the 2,580 square cm. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. The hunter orange head cover may have: open mesh; a peak or brim colour other than hunter orange; a crest or logo which does not completely cover the hunter orange on the side where it is affixed. The head cover must not contain camouflage material.

Hunter orange colour standards are generally consistent across North America. Manufacturers can provide information regarding clothing compliance with this standard.

Party Hunting

A person may hunt moose, deer or black bear in a party even if the person has previously attached his or her game seal to a moose, deer or black bear. The term "Party Hunting" means two or more persons hunting during an open season for moose, deer or black bear under all of the following conditions:

- Each person has a valid licence to hunt moose, deer or black bear.
- The total number of moose, deer or black bear killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals held by the members of the party licensed to hunt that species.
- The total number of moose, deer or black bear of a specified sex, age or type killed by the party does not exceed the total number of game seals validated for that sex, age or type that are held by members of the party.
- All members of the party hunt together in the same Wildlife Management Unit or portion thereof for which the game seal is valid.
- Each member of the party hunts within five kilometres of the person who holds the game seal that is valid for the wildlife being hunted.
- Each member of the party must be able to reliably and immediately communicate with other members of the party.
- All members of the party, including the person who holds the seal that is valid for the wildlife that the party is hunting, actively participate in the hunt and hunt co-operatively.

The person who kills the wildlife while hunting in a party shall immediately notify all other members of the party that the wildlife has been killed and the game seal holder shall immediately affix the game seal to the wildlife in the manner prescribed on the game seal.

At this point, party members at the kill site must determine the category of animals that may still be hunted. You must then make sure your other party members, who did not come to the kill site, are informed. The hunter in your party who killed the animal, and the hunter who attached the game seal, may continue hunting provided other members of your party possess valid, unused game seals.

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before the hunt begins. Contact a conservation officer at the ministry office in the district in which you will be hunting. A list of ministry offices and phone numbers is found on page 80.

Use of Vehicles or Boats

(see Definitions, page 78)

Aircraft may not be used while hunting. Snowmobiles, vehicles or boats may not be used for chasing, pursuing, harassing, capturing, killing, injuring or destroying any wildlife. **You may not hunt moose, deer or black bear while they are swimming.**

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all terrain vehicle) or motor boat or anything towed by the boat. An exception to this rule is that a person may obtain an authorization through the local ministry office if the person's mobility is impaired and the person meets one of the following criteria:

1. A paraplegic or hemiplegic
2. A single (above the knee) lower limb amputation or a double (below the waist) amputation
3. Suffers severe disability, and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating disability. The authorization is valid for a period of up to five years for a person with a permanent disability.

A loaded firearm may be carried in, and discharged from, a canoe or boat that is being paddled, with no motor attached.

NOTE: Restrictions on the use of motor boats. Under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 a motor boat means a boat **with a motor that is attached to the boat** (see definition on page 78). There is an exception to this rule if you are hunting waterfowl in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Sunday gun hunting is permitted in areas north of the French and Mattawa rivers. In areas south of the French and Mattawa, Sunday gun hunting is regulated on a municipality basis. Changes will occur to the areas where gun hunting on Sundays is periodically allowed south of the French and Mattawa Rivers.

To hunt with a gun on Sunday, you must ensure:

- the season is open for the species and type of gun you want to use
- gun hunting is allowed on Sundays in the municipality where you wish to hunt
- the municipality does not have a "no discharge of firearms" bylaw in the area where you wish to hunt.

To confirm the status of the municipality in which you want to hunt, please check the Sunday gun hunting information available at *ontario.ca/hunting*.

Dogs

You must license any dogs to be used to hunt deer, moose or black bear. The licence holder or the person who has control of the dogs must carry all dog licences and produce the licences at the request of an officer. There is no limit on the number of dogs that may be licensed and used. Dogs may not run at large in an area inhabited by deer, moose, elk or black bear during the closed season.

You must have an authorization or licence issued from the local ministry office to conduct dog training and field trials on game mammals and game birds during the closed season, or an appropriate hunting licence during the open season.
NOTE: There is no authorization or licence that allows the chasing of wolf or coyote in the townships around Algonquin Park where there is a year-round closed season for those species.

In order to hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting and you must have a resident's tag to hunt raccoon at night.

For a dog coming into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. The certificate must have a reasonably complete and legible description of the dog and the date of the vaccination.
For more information, check with Canada Customs.

Snares

Snares cannot be used, except by the holder of a resident's small game licence for taking varying hares north of the French and Mattawa rivers with a snare constructed of copper or brass wire between 22 and 24 gauge. The opening of the snare wire loop must be 10 cm (4 in.) or less in diameter.

Licensed trappers may use snares under conditions specified in the Trapping regulations.

Poison and Adhesives

It is illegal to use poison and adhesives to kill, injure or capture wildlife.

Trespassing

A person is trespassing if the person enters onto property or carries out an activity on property that the owner has given notice is not allowed. Commonly the owner may give this notice to the general public by having a fence, sign, or symbol or by verbally telling someone.

A hunting licence does not give hunters the right to enter or cross private property.

ALWAYS ask for permission and obey signs. Signs may be in three formats:

- Red or yellow markings of such a size that a circle of 10 cm (4 inches) can be contained wholly within them. Red means no entry is permitted. Yellow markings mean no entry is permitted except for activities that may be allowed.
- Graphic representation of a permitted or prohibited activity.
- A written sign.

If it is not evident what activities are allowed, ask for permission from the landowner. Not all land is signed. Unsigned lands may be private land as well. (For example if the property is fenced, no access is permitted without permission of the landowner.) It is your responsibility to find out who owns the land you wish to hunt on and obtain permission. If unsure, stay out. **Positive landowner/hunter relationships are important to the future of hunting in Ontario.**

Be sure you are familiar with the Occupiers' Liability Act and the Trespass to Property Act before entering private land. (You may obtain these two acts from Publications Ontario or online at *www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.*) You will also be violating the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 if the landowner asks you to leave and you do not do so immediately, or if you do not obey signs prohibiting trespassing, hunting or fishing.

In any county or regional municipality, you may not hunt in a party of more than 12 persons without the explicit permission of the landowner/occupier.

Before hunting on Indian Reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

If you wish to hunt deer on Barrie Island, Cockburn Island or Manitoulin Island, you must have with you a valid deer licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry. If you wish to hunt moose in WMU 65, you must have a moose licence, the appropriate validation tag and written consent of the landowner on the form provided by the ministry.

Crown Lands

In Ontario, travel for recreational purposes on Crown lands and waters is generally free and unrestricted. On most Crown land camping is allowed free for Canadian Residents for up to 21 days at one site. Campers can camp for an additional 21 days on a second site if the second site is located at least 100 metres from the first site. Please note, camping may be prohibited or restricted on some areas of Crown land; these locations are signed and regulated under the authority of the Public Lands Act. **As well, some Crown lands may have restricted-travel zones for forest fire prevention, officially closed forest-access roads or specific areas posted with signs to prohibit all or certain kinds of uses or travel.**

Non-residents of Canada, except those using a camping unit rented from a person who carries on an Ontario-based business (commercial outfitter), require a permit to camp on Crown land in northern Ontario (north of the French and Mattawa rivers). A camping unit is defined as equipment used for the purpose of outdoor accommodation and includes a tent, trailer, tent-trailer, recreational vehicle, camper-back and any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation. Contact a ServiceOntario Centre or licence issuer for permits.

Non-residents of Canada are prohibited from camping on some specific areas of Crown land in northern Ontario at any time of year. These areas are generally well signed; however, hunters are advised to check with the local ministry office for complete information on areas where non-resident camping is prohibited. **Information about restrictions on Crown Land Camping for non-residents of Canada in WMUs 6, 7B, 9A and 9B can be found on page 52.**

Some Crown lands may also be posted against hunting and possession of firearms to protect forest workers or other resource users. Contact the local ministry office for the area in which you wish to hunt for further information.

Work Permits

The Public Lands Act states that you must have a work permit before you construct a new building, create trails, or do other modifications on Crown land. Crown land also includes the bottom of most waterbodies. For information on work permits and the application process, refer to the MNR website. **Hunters are reminded that it is an offence under the Public Lands Act to leave any material, substance or thing on Crown land.**

Provincial Parks

You may not hunt (or take) any mammals, birds, amphibians or reptiles in provincial parks, or have a firearm with you, unless otherwise provided in the regulations. For more details on hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks, see page 26. Generally, **hunting of wolves is prohibited in provincial parks.** Check with your local ministry office or the regulations for more details and for special permit requirements for hunting in Clyde, Bruton and Eyre townships (WMU 54).

Wildlife Management Areas – Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Area/Provincial Wildlife Area

There are 34 Provincial Wildlife and Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas in Ontario which provide hunting. Some areas have daily or seasonal licence fees, while others may be used free of charge. See pages 7, 9 and 11 for listings. Some areas are only open on certain days of the week and for special hours and designated species. Detailed information on each area can be obtained from local ministry offices.

Game Preserves

Except where stated in the regulations, you may not hunt or trap, or use or possess firearms in Crown Game Preserves. You may possess firearms if you live on private land within a Crown Game Preserve, but you may not hunt or trap. There are Crown Game Preserves other than those shown on the maps. Contact a ministry office for more details.

Conservation Officers

A conservation officer is appointed under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. This term also includes a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a police officer or First Nations constable appointed under the Police Services Act, a game officer designated under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, a park warden designated under the National Parks Act if acting under the direction of a conservation officer, and a person whose primary employment responsibility is enforcement of fish and wildlife laws in a border jurisdiction if he or she is acting under the direction of a conservation officer. Conservation officers have powers of inspection, arrest, search and seizure under the various statutes they enforce, including the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, the Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, and the Fisheries Act. Conservation officers also have authority to enforce the public safety provisions of the Off Road Vehicles Act, Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, Liquor Licence Act, and Small Vessel Regulations. When carrying out his or her duties, or investigating an offence under these statutes or the corresponding regulations, a conservation officer may do the following:

- Stop and/or inspect a vehicle, boat or aircraft
- Inspect firearms, ammunition, game or fish

Hunting in Ontario Provincial Parks

Permitted by regulations made under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. Hunters should check with the appropriate Park Office regarding specific restrictions that apply in each park. (* Hunting occurs in a particular area of each Park.)

SPECIES – Game Birds, Migratory Game Birds, Game Mammals and Specified Furbearing Mammals

Kawartha Highlands Signature Site (species that are hunted and hunting periods are unique in this park. Contact park office to confirm prior to hunting.)

SPECIES – Moose, Grouse, Varying Hare

Lake Superior*

SPECIES – Ducks, Geese, Rails, Coots and Gallinules

Darlington*
Lake of the Woods*
Long Point*
McRae Point*
Polar Bear*
Presqu'ile*
Rock Point*
Rondeau*
Westmeath*

SPECIES – Game Birds, Migratory Game Birds or Game Mammals (see definitions on page 78)

Abitibi-De-Troyes
Albany River
Alexander Lake Forest
Algoma Headwaters
Algonquin Park*
McRae Addition (Clyde and Bruton Twps.)
Amable du Fond River
Aubinadong-Nushatogaini Rivers
Aubinadong River
Aubrey Falls
Barron River
Batchawana River
Big East River
Biscotasi Lake*
Bissett Creek
Black Creek
Black Sturgeon River*
Blind River
Blue Lake* (expanded areas only)
Bon Echo*
Bonnechere River*
Brightsand River*
Chapleau-Nemegosenda River*
Charleston Lake* (expanded areas only)
Chiniguchi Waterway
Dana-Jowsey Lakes*
Eagle Dogtooth
East English River
Egan Chutes* (expanded areas only)
Englehart River Fine Sand Plain and Waterway
Esker Lakes* (expanded areas only)
Fawn River
French River
Fushimi Lake*
Goulais River
Grant's Creek
Greenwater* (expanded areas only)
Groundhog River Waterway
Grundy Lake
*Gull River
Halfway Lake* (expanded areas only)
Ivanhoe* (expanded areas only)
Jocko Rivers*
Kap-Kig-Iwan* (expanded areas only)
Kashabowie
Killarney*
Killarney Lakelands and Headwaters
Kopka River*
La Cloche
Lake of the Woods*
Lake St. Peter
LaMotte Lake
Larder River Waterway
LaVerendrye*
Little Abitibi
Little Current River
Little White River
Lower Madawaska River*
Magnetawan River
Makobe-Grays River
Mashkinonje* (expanded areas only)
Matinenda
Mattawa River*
Missinaibi* (hunting only permitted north of Peterbell – contact (705) 864-1710 ext. 214 for applicable restrictions in areas north of Peterbell)
Mississagi* (expanded areas only)
Mississagi River
Nagagamisis*
Nakina Moraine
Neys* (expanded areas only)
Nimoosh
Noganosh Lake
North Channel Inshore
Obabika River
Obatanga*
Obonga-Ottertooth
Ogoki River
Opeongo River
Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River
Ottawa River
Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls
Pancake Bay* (expanded areas only)
Pigeon River*
Pipestone River
Point Farms*
Pretty River Valley
Pukaskwa River
Puzzle Lake
Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands
Restoule* (hunting only permitted west of the Restoule River, north of Burnt Creek Complex and the OLL addition, please contact (705) 729-2010 for applicable restrictions)
River aux Sables
Ruby Lake
Rushbrook
Sandbar Lake* (expanded areas only)
Sandpoint Island
Severn River
Silent Lake* (expanded areas only)
Silver Falls
Solace
South Bay
Spanish River
St. Raphael
Steel River
Sturgeon River*
Temagami River
The Massasauga
The Shoals* (hunting only permitted north of Hwy. #101)
Turtle River-White Otter Lake*
Upper Madawaska River
W.J.B. Greenwood
Wabakimi* (expanded areas only)
Wanapitei
Wenebegon River
West English River
West Montreal River
White Lake*
Whitesand
Widdifield Forest
Winisk River
Woman River Forest

- Ask questions relevant to the inspection
- Inspect buildings or other places
- Search with a warrant
- Search without a warrant in circumstances requiring immediate action
- Seize items related to the offence
- Arrest anyone the conservation officer believes has committed, is committing, or is about to commit an offence under these acts or any other legislation they may enforce.

Conservation officers operate random "Game Check Stations" throughout the year. At these stations, conservation officers collect information on game taken by hunters and make sure the regulations are being followed in order to better manage our wildlife resources.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 is the main provincial law regulating hunting and trapping. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is enforced by conservation officers and deputy conservation officers.

The penalties for offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act can include:
General offences:..... $25,000, 1 year imprisonment, or both.
Commercialization related offences: .....$100,000, 2 years imprisonment, or both.

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and regulations are available at *www.e-laws.gov.on.ca*.

Reporting a Violation

If you see or suspect someone of abusing a natural resource, please call **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a violation or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. Be sure to include information on the exact location of the violation, date and time of the violation, and a description of the individuals and vehicles involved. Timely and accurate information will assist conservation officers in apprehending violators and **protect your natural resources**.

Specially Protected Wildlife

In Ontario, it is illegal to hunt or trap specially protected wildlife (see Definitions, page 79, for a list of these species). The ministry is interested in receiving information about any illegal acts involving specially protected wildlife. Please call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667).

Protection of Property

Generally, on your own land, you may harass, capture or kill wildlife to stop that wildlife from damaging your property. This does not apply to moose, caribou, elk, endangered species or the trapping of black bear. White-tailed deer may be killed or harassed and black bear may be trapped with an authorization from the ministry. You may also use an agent if the agent is authorized by the ministry or belongs to a class of agents prescribed by the regulations. There are exceptions to this. Contact a ministry office for further information. A person may not use a body-gripping trap or be in possession of a body-gripping trap unless he or she is lawfully entitled to use the trap. A person who kills a black bear anywhere in the province, or a wolf or coyote in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D-42, 46-50 and 53-58, in protection of property must immediately report having done so to a ministry office whether or not the carcass is kept. A person who kills a specially protected raptor or furbearing mammal, other than a wolf or coyote, in protection of property and is planning to keep the carcass must report the acquisition.

Elk and Caribou

There is no open season for elk or caribou in Ontario.

Game Wildlife and Parts

You may not let the flesh of any harvested game wildlife (see Definitions, page 78) which is suitable for food be destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. This includes black bear. A hunter who kills a furbearing mammal shall not abandon the pelt or permit the pelt to be spoiled or destroyed.

It is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game wildlife or specially protected wildlife or their parts, except under the authority of a licence and as permitted by the regulations. The holder of a small game licence may sell the pelts of furbearing mammals lawfully harvested under that licence to a person who may lawfully buy these pelts. Contact a ministry office for more information.

In addition, you may purchase only the meat of furbearing mammals from a person licensed to take that furbearer, for your own use or that of your immediate family. A person selling a carcass of a furbearing mammal for consumption must advise the buyer in writing that the meat has not been inspected under the Meat Inspection Act.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is an offence under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act for anyone to trespass for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

A person without a licence may buy or sell a single hide of black bear, with head and claws attached, and a single hide of a deer or moose, without the head attached, and a single set of cast antlers of caribou, elk, deer and moose if they are lawfully acquired.

A person who wishes to buy more than a single hide or single set of **cast antlers** must have a dealer's licence. Please contact a ministry office.

The above regulations apply not only to meat and parts of Ontario wildlife, but also to meat and parts imported into Ontario from outside the province.

A charitable organization may apply for an "Authorization to Conduct a Wild Game Dinner" issued by the ministry. For information on conducting wild game dinners, contact your local ministry office.

BLACK BEAR GALLS – It is illegal to possess a gallbladder that has been removed from a black bear.

Possession of Accidentally Killed Animals

If you wish to keep the animals referenced below that have been killed by natural or other accidental causes including road kills, you must report the acquisition to the ministry. In the case of black bear, moose, deer, elk and caribou, you must report the acquisition to a ministry office immediately. For specially protected raptors and furbearing mammals, you must make the report within two working days from when you acquired the animal. You need a Licence to Possess a Pelt for furbearing mammals. In addition, anyone who acquires a specially protected raptor (see Definitions, page 78) must take the carcass to a ministry office for registration within five working days of the acquisition. For migratory birds, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Burlington at (905) 336-6410.

For information on keeping the carcass of a big game animal, a specially protected raptor or a furbearing mammal killed in protection of property, see Protection of Property, page 27.

There may be additional requirements regarding the possession of carcasses of species at risk, for more information please visit *ontario.ca/speciesatrisk*.

Import, Export and Shipping

To prevent Chronic Wasting Disease, Ontario restricts the possession of high-risk carcass parts from all members of the deer family (except caribou and moose) harvested in other jurisdictions. Please see Important Messages for Hunters – Importing Deer/Elk Carcasses on page 4. For additional information on Chronic Wasting Disease, see page 66.

You must have an Ontario export permit to export moose, deer and black bear or any part thereof from Ontario. Small game with the exception of furbearing mammals (see Definitions, page 78) may be exported under the authority of the small game licence.

An Ontario export permit for non-residents is $35.00. For residents of Ontario, export permits are issued at no charge. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. You may obtain an export permit from most ServiceOntario Centres as well as from specific outside issuers. You should obtain the necessary export permits before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience.

Residents and non-residents may export from Ontario game wildlife legally killed under the appropriate licence.

A resident may temporarily transport moose, deer or black bear out of Ontario without an export permit if the resident is on the way to a location in Ontario, and does not leave any of the wildlife outside Ontario.

You must have an Ontario export permit to export any furbearing mammal or its pelt from Ontario. Royalties are payable on all furbearers prior to their export from Ontario.

Unless accompanied by the hunter or trapper who lawfully harvested the animal, receptacles containing game wildlife or specially protected wildlife that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

NOTE: When planning their hunt, U.S. hunters should check on the status of requirements for the import of any wild meat or trophies from Canada to the United States, including hours of operation at ports of entry, to avoid delays when returning home with harvested game.

Similarly, Canadian hunters who wish to travel through the U.S. to reach a Canadian destination or hunt in the U.S. should check for any requirements for transporting meat before finalizing their travel itinerary. More information is available at the United States Department of Agriculture website at *www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie.* Click on "Import Alerts" found in the "News and Information" section. The bulletin dated July 15, 2005 provides an outline of procedures for importation of wild meat and trophies, as well as guidelines for what is/is not allowed for importation.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export wolf, black bear or several other species from Canada.

The CITES permit requirement is waived for U.S. or Canadian residents in some instances (see page 68). In some instances both a CITES permit and a provincial export permit are required.

CITES permits are currently available free of charge from ministry offices.

More information on CITES is available at *www.cites.ca*.

It is an offence to possess wildlife that was killed, captured, taken, possessed, transported, bought, sold or removed from another jurisdiction contrary to the laws of that jurisdiction.

It is an offence to sell wildlife from another jurisdiction if the sale is not permitted in the jurisdiction that it was originally exported from.

Wildlife in Captivity

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 requires you to have a licence in order to keep game and specially protected wildlife in captivity. Contact a ministry office for more information.

Wild Turkey Regulations

SPRING WILD TURKEY			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
45, 46, 48, 53, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83A, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95	Residents and Non-Residents April 27 to May 31, 2009 Residents and Non-Residents April 26 to May 31, 2010	1 bearded wild turkey per licence 2 licences per hunter maximum. The two birds may not be taken on the same day.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.

FALL WILD TURKEY			
WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
64, 65, 66A, 67, 68, 73, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93	Residents and Non-residents October 13 to October 25, 2009	One fall licence per hunter maximum. One wild turkey may be harvested – EITHER one male OR one female.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

What we learned from wild turkey hunters in 2008:

- 10,492 wild turkeys were harvested in the spring and 427 in Ontario's first fall season.
- Jakes composed 35 per cent of males in the spring wild turkey harvest.
- Female wild turkeys made up 61 per cent of the fall harvest.

Licence fees can be found on page 13.

Turkey Hunting Requirements

Ontario **residents** wishing to hunt wild turkeys must have:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- Taken the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and passed the written exam
- A small game licence (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) or an e-licence
- A wild turkey licence (a paper licence that must be carried when hunting) and game seal.

Ontario's wild turkey season is open to **non-residents** of Ontario who have:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- Taken the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course and passed the written exam
- Purchased a non-resident's small game licence and a wild turkey licence.

Consent Required

Individuals under the age of 16 must file a consent signed by one parent or guardian before attending the Ontario Hunter Education Course or the Ontario Wild Turkey Hunter Education Course. Consent forms are available at *ontario.ca/hunting.*

The schedule of wild turkey course locations and dates is available from the O.F.A.H. at **(705) 748-6324**, or on the O.F.A.H. website at *www.ofah.org*.

Over-the-Counter Licensing for Residents and Non-Residents

Wild turkey licences will be offered by selected licence issuers and ServiceOntario Centres in areas of Ontario with turkey seasons.

Ontario residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a licence issuer must show one of the following at the time of purchase:

- Their Outdoors Card bearing a "T" insignia
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus their Wild Turkey Hunter Education certificate or their Record of Wild Turkey Hunter Examination form
- Their valid hunting version Outdoors Card plus a previous Ontario wild turkey licence bearing the hunter's name and Outdoors Card number.

Non-residents wishing to purchase a wild turkey licence from a ServiceOntario Centre or licence issuer must show their Wild Turkey Hunter Education certificate or a Record of Wild Turkey Hunter Examination form. You may buy both licences in advance.

Automated Telephone Licensing (Spring Seasons Only) for Ontario Resident Turkey Hunters

Spring wild turkey licences are also available province-wide through the Ministry of Natural Resources' automated telephone licensing line. This line allows Ontario resident hunters to purchase a wild turkey hunting licence using a toll-free telephone line, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from March 1 to April 30. To use this system, a hunter who has successfully completed the wild turkey hunter education course needs:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A valid VISA, MasterCard or American Express card
- A Touch-Tone™ telephone.

PLEASE NOTE: This system does not accept spoken answers; only responses provided using the keypad can be processed.

To purchase a licence using the automated telephone line, call **1-800-288-1155 between March 1 and April 30**. Hunters wishing to purchase two wild turkey licences by telephone must place two calls. Your wild turkey licence(s) and game seal(s) will be mailed the next business day. Please allow time for your licence(s) and game seal(s) to reach you.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

You are permitted to call wild turkeys for another hunter after filling your own licence(s), but you must not be in possession of a firearm when doing so. It is illegal to use live decoys or electronic calls while wild turkey hunting in Ontario. Wild turkeys may be hunted using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) or bows. For details on legal firearms and ammunition, please refer to the chart on page 22.

Baiting

It is illegal to hunt wild turkeys within 400 metres of any place where bait has been deposited unless the place has been free of bait for at least seven days. Bait means corn, wheat, oats, other grain, pulse, any other feed that may attract wild turkey or any imitation of such feed. Standing crops, crops stacked in accordance with normal farming practices, and grain scattered as a result of normal farming operations are not considered bait.

Sealing and Transporting

The holder of a licence who has killed a wild turkey shall:

a) Immediately after the kill and at the site of the kill attach the game seal provided with the licence or licence tag to the wild turkey in the manner indicated on the seal.
b) Keep the game seal attached to the wild turkey until it is prepared for consumption.

Mandatory Reporting of Turkey Harvest

Successful turkey hunters **must** report their harvested turkey by calling toll-free **1-800-288-1155** and providing the requested harvest information no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested. Once you complete your harvest report, you will be provided with a confirmation number. Record the confirmation number in the box provided on your licence and keep it as a record that you have reported. An information worksheet is provided on page 31 to assist you in gathering the necessary information before calling to report your harvest. This information is also available at *ontario.ca/hunting*.

DANGER

Recreational activities near hydroelectric facilities are hazardous

Ontario Power Generation and the Ontario Provincial Police want you to stay clear of hydroelectric stations, dams, shorelines, and surrounding waterways.

Hydroelectric stations operate all year round and can have a significant effect on water flows. These changes in water flows can happen suddenly. At some of our dams, the gates are operated remotely. In just a matter of minutes, calm waters can become turbulent and dry riverbeds can fill with powerful rushing water.

For your safety, please obey all warnings, signs, booms and buoys. If you see water levels changing, move immediately to a safe location.

To obtain a **free** water safety DVD or children's computer game visit **www.opg.com**

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Mandatory Turkey Harvest Reporting Worksheet

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and have a pen or pencil and your licence available so you can record your confirmation number once your report is complete. The illustrations to the right of the page have been provided to assist you in collecting important biological information from your bird. This information will be requested as part of your report.

CELL PHONE USERS: A common reason why hunters are unable to complete telephone reports is a poor cellular connection. You have until no later than 12:00 noon the day after the bird was harvested to report your harvest. Please wait until you receive a clear, strong signal before placing your call.

STEP 1 Call toll-free **1-800-288-1155**. When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to select the Turkey Harvest Reporting option.

STEP 2 Record your Outdoors Card number below or have your card available when you make the call. After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.
Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 3 Was the turkey harvested in the morning or afternoon?

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STEP 4 What WMU did the harvest occur in? Only the valid WMUs listed on page 29 will be accepted.

WMU ☐☐☐

STEP 5 How many days did you hunt in that WMU before harvesting a turkey?

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STEP 6 Was the turkey a male or female (Figure 1)? _____

PLEASE NOTE: Only bearded turkeys are legal during the spring season. Any turkey is legal in the fall season.

STEP 7 Was the turkey an adult or juvenile (Figure 2)? _____

STEP 8 How long was the longer spur in **millimetres** (Figure 3)?

_____

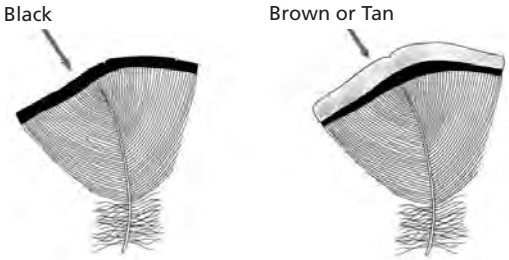
STEP 9 How long was the beard in **millimetres** (Figure 4)?

_____

STEP 10 **Record your confirmation number in the space provided on your licence and keep it as your record of having reported.**

Copies of this worksheet are available at *ontario.ca/hunting.*

Figure 1: Determining the Sex of the Turkey



Male breast feathers are black tipped.

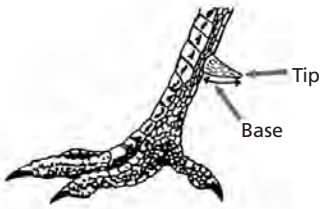
Female breast feathers have an outer edge of brown or tan.

Figure 2: Determining the Age of the Turkey

The leading wing feathers of **adults** have white barring to the tip, and the tip is usually rounded.

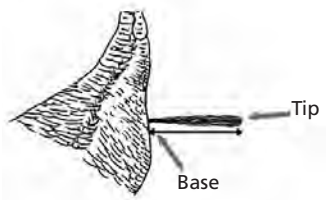
The leading wing feathers of **juveniles** are not barred to the tip, and are generally pointed.

Figure 3: Measuring Spur Length



Measure each spur in **millimetres** and report the longer of the two measurements. The spurs must be measured from the base of the spur to the tip along the bottom curve. A flexible tape or ruler provides a more accurate measurement.

Figure 4: Measuring Beard Length



Measure the beard in **millimetres**. Extend the beard and measure from the base of the beard at the breast to the tip of the beard.

Moose Regulations

INFORMATION FOR ALL MOOSE HUNTERS

Licence fees are found on page 12.

Firearms

Big game, including moose, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting moose you may only use or carry a firearm of the type (rifle, shotgun, bow or muzzle-loader) permitted for hunting moose at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting moose during a bow-only season, you may use or carry only bow hunting equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other species.

Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting moose are found on page 22.

Party Hunting for Moose

Party hunting for moose is permitted during the open season for moose **under a set of specific conditions listed on page 23.**

Sealing and Transporting Moose

The moose validation tag, in the case of resident hunters, must be affixed to the recipient's game seal before hunting begins. In the case of non-resident hunters, the validation tag must be affixed to the moose hunting licence.

If you have killed a moose while hunting alone, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.**

If party hunting for moose, the member whose game seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for the type of moose (bull, cow, or in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, bull, cow, or calf) that was killed, must immediately after the kill and at the kill site, **securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the seal**.

A person who seals a moose must notch out the month, date and time of kill on the game seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the moose. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a moose.

If you are transporting part of a moose, you must know, and be prepared to state if requested to do so by a conservation officer:

- The name of the hunter who sealed the animal

- The hunting licence and validation tag number under which the animal was claimed
- The WMU in which it was taken

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

Note on White Coloured Moose: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 prohibits the hunting of moose that are over 50 per cent white coloured in Wildlife Management Units 30 and 31, an area near Timmins, Chapleau and Foleyet. This regulation does not affect the availability of moose validation tags for resident and non-resident hunters.

INFORMATION FOR ONTARIO RESIDENTS WISHING TO HUNT MOOSE

Who can hunt moose in Ontario?

A resident of Ontario may hunt moose under certain conditions if he or she is in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card **and** a current moose hunting licence tag (sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) **and** can meet one of the following criteria:

- The hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a cow or a bull **OR**
- If hunting for calf in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57 the hunter has a game seal and validation tag for a calf in the specific WMU being hunted **OR**
- The hunter has a game seal and is hunting calf moose in a WMU other than 48, 55A, 55B or 57 (or WMU 65; see note following) **OR**
- The hunter is party hunting (see the section on party hunting on page 23) with someone who has a game seal and validation tag.

Note: WMU 65 has a hunt with controlled hunter numbers. For more information on the controlled hunt in WMU 65 call the Kemptville District Office at (613) 258-8204.

To receive a validation tag to hunt for an adult moose (or to hunt for a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57), the resident hunter must purchase a moose licence and apply to the moose validation tag draw.

Tags are issued through a computerized draw. The validation tag authorizes the holder to hunt only the type of moose described on the validation tag in the WMU specified. **No refund of licence fees is granted to a moose draw applicant who is unsuccessful in the draw for a validation tag.**

Residents of Ontario who are going to be a guest of a qualified tourist outfitter at the time of the hunt may be able to get an adult moose validation tag through the outfitter. The tag is valid only if you are a registered guest and actually accommodated by the tourist establishment. This may be on a Crown land site if authorized for occupancy by the Ministry of Natural Resources, or at a camp operated by the outfitter.

What is a moose validation tag?

A validation tag allows the tag holder or a member of the hunter's party hunting with the tag holder, to harvest an adult moose (or a calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57) under certain specified conditions. The conditions state the WMU to which the tag applies; the season (either the gun season or the bow season); the type of moose (bull, cow, calf); and any firearm restrictions (rifle, shotgun, bow, muzzle-loader) which may apply to the hunter. Moose validation tags obtained through tourist outfitters include additional information.

The number of validation tags available in a WMU is related to the number of moose that can be sustainably harvested. Because the number of Ontario residents wishing to hunt moose is greater than the number of validation tags available, validation tags are allocated through computerized draws (see page 37).

Ontario resident hunters wishing to apply to the draw have two options:

- Call the toll-free automated telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw (see page 40) **OR**
- Fill out and mail the Resident's Application for a Moose Validation Tag that is attached to the paper moose licence purchased from a licence issuer.

The deadline by which a telephone application must be made is 11:55 p.m. (ET) on June 1, 2009. If you plan to apply by telephone, do not leave your call until the day of the deadline! If you wait until the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the draw. The earlier in the application period you apply, the easier it will be to connect to the system on your first try. The deadline by which a carefully and completely filled out paper application must be received at a ServiceOntario Centre is 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2009.

How may a resident of Ontario may apply to the regular draw for a validation tag to hunt moose?

There are two ways in which an Ontario resident hunter can apply to the draw for a moose validation tag:

- As a member of a group **OR**
- As an individual hunter

In order to apply to the draw, the hunter must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card and must have purchased a moose licence.

A hunter who fails to get an adult moose validation tag through the draw process and still wishes to hunt an adult moose may party hunt with the holder of an adult moose validation tag. Another option is to hunt with an outfitter who has moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

If the hunter fails to get a calf validation tag in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57 through the draw process, other options are to hunt for a calf in any other WMU with an open season for moose (except WMU 65), party hunt with the holder of an adult or calf moose validation tag or, hunt with an outfitter who has adult moose validation tags available for guests and who is accommodating the resident hunter as a registered guest.

NOTE: A hunter cannot have more than one moose validation tag at the time of the hunt.

What are the benefits of applying as a group?

If you party hunt, it is usually better to apply as part of a group. The maximum group size is 15 hunters.

Applying in a group increases every hunter's chances of obtaining a moose validation tag for their party. Group applications allow tags to be spread out more evenly among hunting parties.

If your group is too small to meet the Guaranteed Group Size (see page 47)or the Hunter:Tag Ratio, all members of your group will have, at the very least, the same chance they would have had if they all applied to the draw as individuals and they will not be negatively affected by applying in a group.

Applying in a group provides your party with the best chance of getting one validation tag while keeping as many hunters as possible in Pool 1 for the next year.

If you applied in a group and the validation tag holder is unable to go hunting, the tag can be transferred to the ministry-designated (group member gone the longest without a tag) alternate within the group's applicants. Individual applicants are never permitted to transfer their validation tag to another person.

The membership of the group in which you applied for a moose validation tag does not necessarily have to be identical to the membership of your hunting party at the time of the hunt.

How do I know what "pool" I am in for validation tag application purposes?

All applicants to the draw for a moose validation tag are in either Pool 1 (also called the preferred pool) or Pool 2 (also called the non-preferred pool). Knowing what pool you (and members of your group) are in is important information because only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining the size of your group.

You are in Pool 1 if you:

- Applied on time for the draw in 2008, and were unsuccessful in getting a tag **OR**
- Were successful in the draw and transferred the tag to the group alternate, unless you did this in two consecutive years **OR**
- Were successful in the draw for a calf tag in WMU 48, 55A, 55B or 57.

Simply purchasing a moose licence last year does not qualify you for Pool 1 this year.

You are in Pool 2 if you:

- Received an adult moose validation tag in the 2008 draw **OR**
- Received an adult moose validation tag through a transfer in 2008 **OR**
- Did not apply to the draw in 2008 **OR**
- Gave up your tag in a transfer in both 2007 and 2008.

How do I stay in Pool 1 for next year if I know I cannot hunt this year?

Some hunters who are eligible for Pool 1 know they will not be able to participate in the moose hunt this year, but want to ensure they are in Pool 1 next year. There are two ways to ensure you maintain Pool status and do not get a tag this year. You must apply for the draw, to retain your Pool 1 status for the next year's draw and must also do one of the following:

- Submit a paper draw application and apply for WMU 99Z (this is not a real WMU so you will not be issued a tag) **OR**
- Submit a paper draw application and leave your choice of WMU and firearm (gun or bow) blank.

What is the Guaranteed Group Size method of applying to the draw?

In some WMUs, an adult moose validation tag will be guaranteed to a group of hunters when the number of Pool 1 hunters in the group meets a pre-determined size. This is known as the Guaranteed Group Size (see page 47).

The actual size of the group required varies:

- From WMU to WMU
- According to the sex of moose preferred
- In some WMUs according to the firearm preferred by the group (gun or bow).

Remember, only Pool 1 hunters in the group are counted when determining the group size.

If you have enough Pool 1 hunters in your group to meet the Guaranteed Group Size in the WMU, sex and season (gun or bow) choice for the type of validation tag your party wants, you should apply to the draw as one group. Be sure to apply for the guaranteed tag (WMU, bull/cow and season) as your first choice if it is your preference. If applying by telephone, keep a record of the Group Reference Number (group leaders only) or the Authorization Number (group members and individual applicants) provided to you during the phone call. If applying by paper, keep a record of your Group Application Number (printed in red on the back of the Group Application Envelope).

We want to party hunt, but our group is smaller than the Guaranteed Group Size. How should we apply?

If you hunt in a party it usually makes sense to apply as a group.

Even if you do not have enough Pool 1 members to guarantee a validation tag – or if there is no Guaranteed Group Size for your WMU – by applying as a group you will be in the draw at two tag allocation steps: the Large Group Allocation and the Random Allocation. If your party members were to apply as individuals, they would only be eligible for the Random Allocation portion of the draw – missing their chance at the tags allocated to groups meeting the Hunter: Tag Ratio in the Large Group Allocation step of the draw.

All hunters in group applications will have at least the same chance to receive a validation tag that they would have if they applied as individual applicants.

REVIEWING ONTARIO'S MOOSE TAG DRAW SYSTEM

As part of the review of Ontario's Moose Program, the Ministry of Natural Resources engaged the public for their input on the Resident Moose Tag Draw System. Public outreach sessions were held at 26 locations across the province during February, March and April 2009, to discuss possible improvements to the existing system. More information is available at *ontario.ca/moosereview.*

Moose Hunter Questionnaire Survey Results

Every year, a sample of moose hunters is asked to return a hunter assessment survey. These surveys provide valuable information used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to manage moose populations. Your field experience is important to us – please tell us about it by completing and returning your survey as soon as your hunt is over.

Here are some things we learned from resident moose hunters in the 2008 survey:

- About 88,000 resident hunters hunted for moose.
- An estimated 6,614 moose were harvested by residents (3,428 bulls,1,293 cows and 1,893 calves).

Ontario's moose population in huntable areas averages about 94,000 moose. An additional 15,000 moose live in remote and protected areas.

1 Northwest Region
Moose Population: **50,400**
Moose Harvest: **3,435**

2 Northeast Region
Moose Population: **36,900**
Moose Harvest: **2,358**

3 Southern Region
Moose Population: **6,500**
Moose Harvest: **821**

Do individual hunters have a chance for a validation tag?

Big game in Ontario has traditionally been hunted by groups of hunters for social, cultural and practical reasons. Ontario's moose tag allocation system is designed to allow this traditional harvest method to continue, and permit the greatest number of hunters to benefit.

While it makes sense to apply as part of a group if you hunt in a party, individuals may also apply for a validation tag. Individual hunters are eligible for a validation tag in the Random Allocation step of the draw.

Hunting parties that apply as individuals and receive more validation tags than the party wants are not permitted to return tags.

ATTENTION MOOSE HUNTERS

If you harvest a moose wearing an ear-tag or collar, this animal may have been chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption of such animals. Please call the phone number on the ear-tag or collar for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

What should I know about bow hunting for moose?

In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, hunters who wish to hunt moose during the bows-only season must have a calf, cow or bull validation tag issued for the bows-only season or party hunt with someone who has such a validation tag. All validation tags issued for the bows-only season become invalid at the end of the bows-only season.

Hunters without an adult validation tag may hunt for calves with a bow during the bows-only season provided they comply with all other legal requirements for bow hunting. The exceptions to this are WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, where a calf validation tag is required, and WMU 65.

If you have not harvested an adult moose during the bows-only season, you may still hunt for a calf (except in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B, 57 and 65) using any legally allowed firearm during the regular gun hunt.

Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw

In 2009, five per cent of the adult moose validation tags in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) north of the French and Mattawa rivers will be held back from the regular moose validation tag draw and used as the quota for a second draw specifically for residents of northern Ontario.

The Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw is intended to provide residents of northern Ontario with an additional opportunity for a validation tag.

The allocation of these Northern Resident validation tags will take place as follows:

- The regular moose draw will be run to distribute 95 per cent of the annual quota to all resident applicants through draws as described on page 37.
- Once the regular draw is complete, each northern resident moose hunter who applied to a WMU north of the French and Mattawa rivers (WMUs 1-42) and was unsuccessful (or who was a member of a group that was unsuccessful) in the 2009 draw and was also unsuccessful in the previous two annual draws (2007 and 2008), will automatically be entered into a separate draw for the remaining five per cent of the quota in the first choice WMU applied to in the regular draw. Successful Northern draw hunters will be notified by mail and asked to verify their residency to claim the validation tag.

Northern resident moose hunters are defined as those individuals with a permanent address in the territorial districts of Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay, Cochrane, Algoma, Sudbury, Timiskaming, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Manitoulin and the City of Greater Sudbury at the time of their application.

Calf Validation Tag and Hunter Reporting Requirements in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57

Starting in 2004, the ministry established a calf validation tag requirement for hunting calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57. This was done to address the declining moose population in eastern Ontario, and to respond to the recommendations of a public consultation group called the Eastern Ontario Moose Management Round Table.

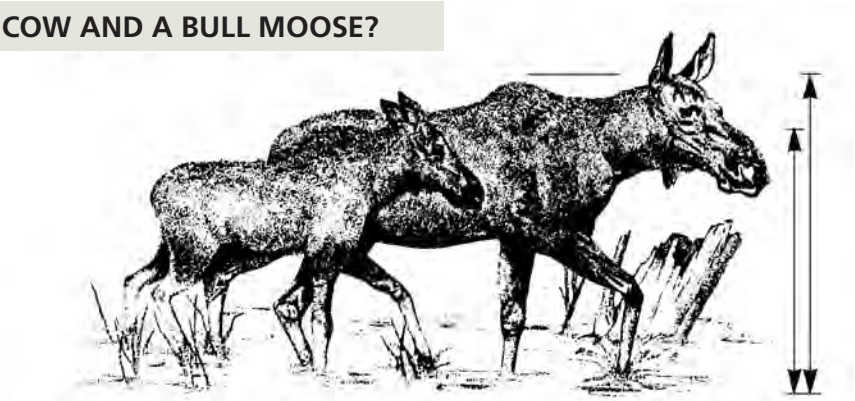
The moose hunting rules for these WMUs include calf tag allocation and enhanced hunter registration and reporting.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE A CALF, A COW AND A BULL MOOSE?

A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

A cow is a female moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

A bull is a male moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.



Short face
Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face."

Seldom alone
Calf moose are seldom alone.

Body proportions
Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender.

Shoulder Height
Shoulder height of cow moose is six feet (2 m) and of calf moose is four feet (1.3 m).

Understanding the Moose Validation Tag Draw

It is to each hunter's advantage to understand how moose validation tags are allocated.

Though the process is often referred to as a draw, there are four steps in the draw process:

- The Guaranteed Group Allocation
- The Large Group Allocation
- The Random Draw Allocation
- The Northern Resident Draw

Some units have both a gun season quota and a bow season quota. In these units, separate draws are run for bull gun, bull bow, cow gun, and cow bow validation tags. These WMUs are: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 11A, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 38. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs, they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want a bow season validation tag. WMUs 7A and 18B each have a combined bow/muzzle-loader quota.

Other units have both a bow season and a gun season for moose, but only one tag quota for bulls and one tag quota for cows. In this group of WMUs are: 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, and 42. When hunters apply to the draw in these WMUs, they must select the corresponding Hunt Code if applying by telephone. If applying by paper application, they must check the Special Bow Season Preference box on the application if they want a bow season validation tag. Like other bow season validation tags, these tags are only valid during the bow-only season.

Step One: Guaranteed Group Allocation

In step one, each group meeting the Guaranteed Group Size requirement (valid applications from a group with enough Pool 1 hunters to meet or exceed the Pool 1, Choice 1 Guaranteed Group Size, see page 47) and who make this their first choice, is allocated one tag for the unit, type of moose (bull, cow, calf) and type of firearm selected by the group. The validation tag is assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group who has gone the longest number of years without receiving a validation tag, and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. All the members of these "guaranteed groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Two: Large Group Allocation

Next, the Large Group Allocation of validation tags is performed.

At this step, the computer calculates the number of applicants left in the draw after step one and compares it to the number of validation tags still available. The ratio is called the Hunter:Tag Ratio. Each group whose number of Pool 1 applicants is equal to or greater than the Hunter:Tag Ratio is issued one validation tag. The tag is assigned to a Pool 1 member of the group who has gone the longest number of years without receiving a validation tag, and another Pool 1 hunter is designated as the alternate. (Example: If at the Large Group Allocation stage there are 600 hunters left, and 104 tags available, the Hunter:Tag Ratio is 5.7. All groups with six or more Pool 1 hunters will be issued a tag.) All members of these successful "large groups" are then removed from the draw.

Step Three: Random Draw Allocation

Next, the draw proceeds to the Random Draw Allocation.

The random draw step is actually many draws performed in the allocation of tags. The computer allocates tags to both groups and individuals in the following sequence:

- Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1)
- Pool 1, Choice 2 (P1C2)
- Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1)
- Pool 2, Choice 2 (P2C2)

At this step, all remaining Pool 1 applicants (all individuals and every member of the remaining groups) who have this WMU and type of moose (bull, cow, calf) as their first choice, are eligible to receive one of the remaining tags in a random draw. If a validation tag is allocated to a member of a group at this stage, the rest of the group members are removed from the draw. If there are still validation tags available, the Large Group Allocation and the Random Draw Allocation are repeated for Pool 1, Choice 2 hunters, then Pool 2, Choice 1 and Pool 2, Choice 2.

In most WMUs, only hunters in Pool 1, Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a validation tag. The Guaranteed Group Allocation is performed only for Pool 1, Choice 1 applicants.

Step Four: Northern Resident Draw

In northern Ontario WMUs (1-42), there is an additional draw in the distribution of validation tags called the Northern Resident Moose Validation Tag Draw. Five per cent of the adult validation tag quota is held back from the regular draw quota for Northern residents who were unsuccessful (or who were a member of a group that was unsuccessful) in the current year's draw and the previous two draws.

How to Maximize Your Chances of Success in the Moose Tag Draw

Review the open season dates table (page 46), the moose quota table (page 48) and, if you are hunting in a group, the Guaranteed Group Size table (page 47). Using this information, determine your first and second choices of WMU, type of animal (bull, cow or, in the case of WMUs 48, 55A, 55B or 57, bull, cow or calf) and firearm type. If hunting in a group, contact all group members and decide whether you will all apply by telephone, or if you will all apply by paper application. (All group members must use the same method.) Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

Applying by Telephone

Use the telephone application system to purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, in one call. Do not use the telephone application system if you have already purchased a paper moose licence.

There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone, including:

- User- friendly system
- Limits data entry errors
- Confirmation number is automatically supplied
- Postage fees eliminated

Note: You must use a Touch-Tone™ telephone when applying. Cellular, cordless and radio telephones are not recommended with this system.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at **1-800-288-1155**, or
- At *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Once you have successfully completed your renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the moose draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw).

To purchase a moose licence and apply to the draw, you will need your Outdoors Card number and a VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card. If you are a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant, you must identify your 2009 Hunt Code from the table found on pages 42 and 43 of this summary. If you are a Group Member, you will need the Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Completing the appropriate worksheet before you call is strongly recommended. (Worksheets are found on pages 40-41 of this summary.) The charge to your credit card will be $45.50 (includes GST).

If you are applying as a member of a group, decide with your group **before you call** who will be the Group Leader and who will be the Group Members. Then, ensure that all Group Members are told the Group Reference Number (which is provided to the Group Leader) so they can successfully complete their call.

The deadline for applying to the moose draw by telephone is **11:55 p.m., (ET) June 1, 2009**.

Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already purchased a paper licence or submitted a paper application.

Applying by Paper Application

You must be in possession of a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to purchase a moose licence, and you must have a moose licence in order to apply to the draw with a paper application. If your Outdoors Card has expired, renewing it is the first step in this process. To review your Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

A paper application for the moose draw comes attached to the moose licence. Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for the moose draw is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid WMU and check off a valid type of moose (bull, cow or – for WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 only – bull, cow or calf). If you do not select a WMU and a type of moose, your application will be rejected. If there is a bow season in your WMU as well as a gun season, and you wish to apply for the bow hunt, select the box labelled "Special Bow Season Preference."

You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

If you are applying for a Guaranteed Group Size validation tag, be aware of the pool status of each applicant in your group. Only Pool 1 hunters are counted toward the Guaranteed Group Size. Including Pool 2 applicants in your group won't hurt your chances, but it won't help them either.

If you are applying in a group, keep a record of your Group Application Number (found on the outside of the Group Application Envelope provided by the MNR). This number must appear on the application of each person in the group.

The group leader should complete the outside of the Group Application Envelope before mailing. **The information you**

write on the envelope overrides any information contained on the paper applications inside the envelope. To ensure you are following the current application procedures, please use the most recent group application envelope.

Fifteen is the maximum group size for a draw application. Do not include more than 15 applications in the Group Application Envelope. **If you are applying for a bow tag, remember to check the appropriate box on the outside of the Group Application Envelope.**

Submit your paper draw application well before the **5:00 p.m., June 1, 2009**, deadline. Remember that the deadline is the date and time by which your application has to be in ServiceOntario/MNR hands. **This deadline is NOT a "post-marked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All applications that are not received by 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2009, cannot be entered into the draw.**

Remember, do not purchase a paper licence or submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your application must be received by the deadline.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a valid application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about applying to the moose draw, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Using the Draw Results Telephone Line at 1-800-288-1155 is the quickest, easiest way to find out if you were successful in the moose validation tag draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from August 1 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record. Unsuccessful applicants can also receive information regarding surplus tags during this call.

The Mailing of Validation Tags

Only draw applicants successful in the regular draw, and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their moose licence, will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the regular draw but have not received your validation tag by September 1 (or if you purchased your licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence), contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011. You can get a duplicate validation tag and/or licence through a ServiceOntario Centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

Draw applicants successful in the Northern Resident Draw will be required to complete an Application to Receive an Adult Moose Validation Tag from the Northern Resident Draw. This application must be returned to a ServiceOntario Centre or mailed to the address indicated. The recipient will then be mailed the northern resident validation tag.

Everything You Wanted to Know about Moose Validation Tag Transfers

- Hunters who apply to the draw as individuals are never permitted to transfer validation tags to other hunters.
- Groups are permitted one transfer only. The transfer is granted only to the alternate tag transfer recipient in your group. The alternate is the Pool 1 member of the group who has gone the second longest number of consecutive years without receiving a validation tag. Once the original validation tag recipient transfers the tag to the alternate, the tag cannot be transferred back to the original recipient or to anyone else.
- The transfer of a validation tag from the original recipient to the designated alternate is granted by a ServiceOntario Centre provided a valid transfer application is submitted, the original tag is returned to ServiceOntario at the time of the request, and the moose season has not yet opened. The fee for transferring a tag is $9.75.
- To determine who the designated alternate validation tag transfer recipient is for your group, look at the lower half of your validation tag. Inside the brackets ({ }) it will show the moose licence number of another Pool 1 member in your group. This moose licence number belongs to your group's designated alternate tag transfer recipient.
- Validation tags can be transferred to a Pool 2 hunter only if the tag is for a WMU where a Pool 2 hunter actually had a chance to receive a tag in the draw.
- After the season opens, a validation tag can only be transferred if the current tag holder is medically unfit to participate in the hunt, as proven by a doctor's certificate.
- Hunters who receive adult validation tags through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 the following year. Most hunters who have transferred tags to another group member will be placed in Pool 1 in the following year's draw. However, hunters who have transferred validation tags in two consecutive seasons will be placed in Pool 2 for the following year's draw. This means that if a hunter transferred a tag last year (2008), and if successful this year (2009) wants to transfer again, he/she will be placed in Pool 2 for the 2010 draw. This change was made as a result of an increasing number of hunters repeatedly transferring validation tags.

2009 Telephone Application System for the Moose Validation Tag Draw

INSTRUCTION SHEET

What type of applicant are you?

To use the telephone application system, applicants must decide how they will be applying to the draw before calling. **When applying for a tag as a group, all hunters in the group must purchase their moose licence and apply to the draw using the same method – either everyone applies by telephone or everyone applies by paper.**

The telephone application system recognizes three types of applicants:

- **Group Leader**
- **Group Member**
- **Individual Applicant**

If you hunt in a party, it is to your members' advantage to apply as a group rather than as individuals. **The maximum number of hunters that can apply to the draw as one group is 15 (14 plus the leader).** When applying as part of a group, hunters will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, before calling.

Group Leader

The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of a group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43). The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choices. The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

Group Member

Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. Only your Group Leader can give you the Group Reference Number. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together for their application to the draw. Each Group Member will be given an Authorization Number. The authorization number confirms that the hunter has been successfully entered into the moose draw.

Individual Applicant

Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice of WMU, type of moose, and firearm (see the table of valid Hunt Codes on pages 42 and 43). Each individual applicant will be given an Authorization Number to confirm that the hunter has been successfully entered into the moose draw.

All applicants are encouraged to record the information they will need on the appropriate worksheet (page 40 or 41), before they call.

Please Note: Hunt Codes may differ from year to year; be sure to use the 2009 Hunt Codes Table when applying to the 2009 moose validation tag draw.

If you have a concern about the Pool Status that is voiced back to you at the end of your telephone application you may call (705) 755-1436 during business hours Monday to Friday.

GROUP LEADER

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2009 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is 14 plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 22 and June 1, 2009**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), June 1. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 3 At the prompt, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.
Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 6 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number**:

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STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with a 7-digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 9 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive your Authorization number that confirms that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status: ☐
If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

STEP 10 As the last step, contact your Group Members and give them your 7-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, then you are considered to be the Group Leader and should refer to the instructions on page 40 before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader), your Outdoors Card Number, and credit card number and expiry date.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 22 and June 1, 2009.** This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), June 1. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 7-digit Group Reference Number.
Group Reference Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.
Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU, type of moose, and firearm choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

STEP 6 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:**

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STEP 7 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 8 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the Authorization Number that confirms your entry into the moose draw in the space provided below.

Authorization number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 9 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status and the number of people who have applied to your group (including yourself). This number may include both Pool 1 and Pool 2 applicants.

Pool Status: ☐
If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Hunt Code, and credit card number and expiry date. Hunt Codes are found in the 2009 Moose Draw Hunt Codes Table on pages 42 and 43.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between **April 22 and June 1, 2009**. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), June 1. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Moose Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an individual.

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number.
Your Outdoors Card Number is:

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STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

PLEASE NOTE: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them.

	WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code
First Choice				
Second Choice				

STEP 5 Enter your **VISA, MasterCard, or American Express number:**

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STEP 6 Enter the 4-digit expiry date from your credit card.

expiry date: ☐☐ / ☐☐
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number, and provides you with your Authorization Number. Record this number in the space provided below.

Authorization Number: ☐☐☐☐☐☐

STEP 8 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your moose licence and game seal when they are mailed to you, **and to receive confirmation that your application has been entered in the draw**. At the end of the call you will be told your pool status.

Pool Status: ☐
If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address may also be updated 24 hours a day at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

2009 Moose Draw Hunt Codes

Select the Hunt Code for your WMU, Type

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
01A	Bull	Gun	**500**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
01A	Cow	Gun	**501**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
01C	Bull	Gun	**502**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
01C	Cow	Gun	**503**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
01D	Bull	Gun	**504**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
01D	Cow	Gun	**505**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Gun	**506**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
02	Cow	Gun	**507**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
02	Bull	Bow	**508**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
02	Cow	Bow	**509**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
03	Bull	Gun	**510**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
03	Cow	Gun	**511**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
03	Bull	Bow	**512**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
03	Cow	Bow	**513**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
04	Bull	Gun	**514**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
04	Cow	Gun	**515**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
04	Bull	Bow	**516**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
04	Cow	Bow	**517**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
05	Bull	Gun	**518**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
05	Cow	Gun	**519**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
05	Bull	Bow	**520**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
05	Cow	Bow	**521**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
06	Bull	Gun	**522**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
06	Cow	Gun	**523**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
06	Bull	Bow	**524**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
07A	Bull	Bow & Muzzle-loader	**525**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
07A	Cow	Bow & Muzzle-loader	**526**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Gun	**527**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
07B	Cow	Gun	**528**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
07B	Bull	Bow	**529**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
08	Bull	Gun	**530**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
08	Cow	Gun	**531**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
08	Bull	Bow	**532**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
08	Cow	Bow	**533**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
09A	Bull	Gun	**534**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
09A	Cow	Gun	**535**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
09A	Bull	Bow	**536**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
09A	Cow	Bow	**537**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
09B	Bull	Gun	**538**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
09B	Cow	Gun	**539**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
09B	Bull	Bow	**540**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
09B	Cow	Bow	**541**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
11A	Bull	Gun	**542**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
11A	Cow	Gun	**543**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
11A	Bull	Bow	**544**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
11B	Bull	Gun	**545**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
11B	Cow	Gun	**546**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
11B	Bull	Bow	**547**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
12A	Bull	Gun	**548**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
12A	Cow	Gun	**549**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
12A	Bull	Bow	**550**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
12A	Cow	Bow	**551**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
12B	Bull	Gun	**552**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
12B	Cow	Gun	**553**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
12B	Bull	Bow	**554**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
12B	Cow	Bow	**555**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
13	Bull	Gun	**556**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
13	Cow	Gun	**557**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
13	Bull	Bow	**558**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
13	Cow	Bow	**559**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
14	Bull	Gun	**560**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
14	Cow	Gun	**561**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
14	Bull	Bow	**562**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
14	Cow	Bow	**563**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
15A	Bull	Gun	**564**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
15A	Cow	Gun	**565**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
15A	Bull	Bow	**566**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
15A	Cow	Bow	**567**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
15B	Bull	Gun	**568**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
15B	Cow	Gun	**569**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
15B	Bull	Bow	**570**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
15B	Cow	Bow	**571**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
16A	Bull	Gun	**572**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
16A	Cow	Gun	**573**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
16B	Bull	Gun	**574**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
16B	Cow	Gun	**575**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
16C	Bull	Gun	**576**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
16C	Cow	Gun	**577**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
17	Bull	Gun	**578**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
17	Cow	Gun	**579**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
18A	Bull	Gun	**580**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
18A	Cow	Gun	**581**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
18A	Bull	Bow	**582**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
18A	Cow	Bow	**583**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
18B	Bull	Gun	**584**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
18B	Cow	Gun	**585**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
18B	Bull	Bow & Muzzle-loader	**586**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
18B	Cow	Bow & Muzzle-loader	**587**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
19	Bull	Gun	**588**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
19	Cow	Gun	**589**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
19	Bull	Bow	**590**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
19	Cow	Bow	**591**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
21A	Bull	Gun	**592**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
21A	Cow	Gun	**593**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
21A	Bull	Bow	**594**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
21A	Cow	Bow	**595**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
21B	Bull	Gun	**596**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
21B	Cow	Gun	**597**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15
21B	Bull	Bow	**598**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
21B	Cow	Bow	**599**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
22	Bull	Gun	**600**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
22	Cow	Gun	**601**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
22	Bull	Bow	**602**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
22	Cow	Bow	**603**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
23	Bull	Gun	**604**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
23	Cow	Gun	**605**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
23	Bull	Bow	**606**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
23	Cow	Bow	**607**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
24	Bull	Gun	**608**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
24	Cow	Gun	**609**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
24	Bull	Bow	**610**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
24	Cow	Bow	**611**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
25	Bull	Gun	**612**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15
25	Cow	Gun	**613**	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15

for Hunters Applying by Telephone

and Firearm from the table below

WMU	Type	Firearm	Hunt Code	Season Dates
26	Bull	Gun	**614**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 31
26	Cow	Gun	**615**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 31
27	Bull	Gun	**616**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
27	Cow	Gun	**617**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
27	Bull	Bow	**618**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
27	Cow	Bow	**619**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
28	Bull	Gun	**620**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
28	Cow	Gun	**621**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
28	Bull	Bow	**622**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
28	Cow	Bow	**623**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
29	Bull	Gun	**624**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
29	Cow	Gun	**625**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
29	Bull	Bow	**626**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
29	Cow	Bow	**627**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
30	Bull	Gun	**628**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
30	Cow	Gun	**629**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
30	Bull	Bow	**630**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
30	Cow	Bow	**631**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
31	Bull	Gun	**632**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
31	Cow	Gun	**633**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
31	Bull	Bow	**634**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
31	Cow	Bow	**635**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
32	Bull	Gun	**636**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
32	Cow	Gun	**637**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
32	Bull	Bow	**638**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
32	Cow	Bow	**639**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
33	Bull	Gun	**640**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
33	Cow	Gun	**641**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
33	Bull	Bow	**642**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
33	Cow	Bow	**643**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
34	Bull	Gun	**644**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
34	Cow	Gun	**645**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
35	Bull	Gun	**646**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
35	Cow	Gun	**647**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
35	Bull	Bow	**648**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
35	Cow	Bow	**649**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
36	Bull	Gun	**650**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
36	Cow	Gun	**651**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
36	Bull	Bow	**652**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
36	Cow	Bow	**653**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
37	Bull	Gun	**654**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
37	Cow	Gun	**655**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
37	Bull	Bow	**656**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
37	Cow	Bow	**657**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
38	Bull	Gun	**658**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
38	Cow	Gun	**659**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
38	Bull	Bow	**660**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
38	Cow	Bow	**661**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
39	Bull	Gun	**662**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
39	Cow	Gun	**663**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
39	Bull	Bow	**664**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
39	Cow	Bow	**665**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
40	Bull	Gun	**666**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
40	Cow	Gun	**667**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
40	Bull	Bow	**668**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
40	Cow	Bow	**669**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
41	Bull	Gun	**670**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
41	Cow	Gun	**671**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
41	Bull	Bow	**672**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
41	Cow	Bow	**673**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
42	Bull	Gun	**674**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
42	Cow	Gun	**675**	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15
42	Bull	Bow	**676**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
42	Cow	Bow	**677**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
46	Bull	Gun	**678**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
46	Cow	Gun	**679**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
47	Bull	Gun	**680**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
47	Cow	Gun	**681**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
48	Bull	Gun	**682**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
48	Cow	Gun	**683**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
48	Calf	Gun	**684**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
48	Bull	Bow	**685**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
48	Cow	Bow	**686**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
48	Calf	Bow	**687**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
49	Bull	Gun	**688**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
49	Cow	Gun	**689**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
50	Bull	Gun	**690**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
50	Cow	Gun	**691**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
53	Bull	Gun	**692**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
53	Cow	Gun	**693**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
54	Bull	Gun	**694**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
54	Cow	Gun	**695**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55A	Bull	Gun	**696**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55A	Cow	Gun	**697**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55A	Calf	Gun	**698**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55A	Bull	Bow	**699**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
55A	Cow	Bow	**700**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
55A	Calf	Bow	**701**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
55B	Bull	Gun	**702**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55B	Cow	Gun	**703**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
55B	Bull	Bow	**704**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
55B	Cow	Bow	**705**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
56	Bull	Gun	**706**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
56	Cow	Gun	**707**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
57	Bull	Gun	**708**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
57	Cow	Gun	**709**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
57	Calf	Gun	**710**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
57	Bull	Bow	**711**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
57	Cow	Bow	**712**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
57	Calf	Bow	**713**	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10
60	Bull	Gun	**714**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
60	Cow	Gun	**715**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
61	Bull	Gun	**716**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
61	Cow	Gun	**717**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
62	Bull	Gun	**718**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
63	Bull	Gun	**719**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
63	Cow	Gun	**720**	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24
65	Bull	Bow	**721**	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]
65	Cow	Bow	**722**	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 [*][**]

[*] Please refer to page 44 for information about an early season for hunters with lower limb disability

[**] Only individual applications accepted

Firearm
Gun = Rifles, Shotguns, Bows, & Muzzle-loaders
Bow = Bows only, including Crossbows
Bow & Muzzle-loader = Bows, including Crossbows & Muzzle-loaders

Special Opportunities for Moose Hunters with Lower Limb Disabilities

While hunters with disabilities may apply for a moose validation tag in any WMU, there are two WMUs that offer seasons specifically for resident moose hunters with lower limb disabilities. Hunters who qualify for these special seasons are:

- A paraplegic or hemiplegic
- A person with a single (above the knee) lower limb amputation, or a double (below the waist) amputation
- A person who suffers severe disability and cannot hunt without the use of a wheelchair or similar means of locomotion. In this case, the hunter must provide a medical certificate stating the disability.

Hunters wishing to take part in these hunts must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag; there is no separate tag quota. Lower-limb disabled hunters have the same odds of receiving an adult moose validation tag in these WMUs as any other hunter.

Northwestern Ontario – WMU 11B

A special moose season for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held before the regular gun hunt in WMU 11B. A limited number of opportunities are available in 2009. Those hunters wishing to hunt for an adult moose in this WMU during this special season must apply to the regular draw for a validation tag and then apply to the Thunder Bay District Office.

Resident archers without a disability who acquire a validation tag for the "special bow season preference" may bow hunt during this period.

The first opportunities in the hunt will be available to hunters who qualify and hold an adult moose validation tag for WMU 11B. Remaining opportunities will be available to hunters who qualify and who are interested in hunting calves. **For more information regarding this hunt, please contact the MNR Thunder Bay District Office, 435 James Street South, Suite B001, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 6S8, or telephone: (807) 475-1462.**

Southeastern Ontario – WMU 65

A special bows-only moose hunt for hunters who qualify in one of the categories of mobility impairment listed above will be held October 5-7, 2009, in WMU 65.

Hunters wishing to participate in this special hunt must apply to the regular draw and receive a validation tag in WMU 65. Mobility impaired moose hunters will be able to participate in the early mobility impaired season (October 5-7) as well as the regular bow hunt which follows (October 8-14).

If you have questions, please contact the MNR Kemptville District Office, at Postal Bag 2002, 10 Campus Drive, Kemptville, Ontario, K0G 1J0, or telephone (613) 258-8204.

INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENTS WISHING TO HUNT MOOSE

A non-resident who wishes to hunt moose in Ontario must have valid hunting accreditation and be a registered guest and actually accommodated at a tourist establishment. The outfitter must apply for and receive, on the non-resident's behalf, a validation tag to hunt moose (see exceptions below).

A non-resident's licence to hunt moose is only valid if it has a bull, cow or calf validation tag affixed to it. The non-resident can hunt only moose of the age and sex specified on the validation tag.

A non-resident may hunt in a party for moose when hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit that is specified on the validation tag and that has a non-resident season. The party hunting must be carried out in accordance with the definition of party hunting (see page 23).

Please note that WMUs 46-63 and 65 do not have a moose season for non-residents.

Exceptions to requirement to hunt through an outfitter:

- Non-residents may hunt with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents. An immediate relative is a person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild. If you qualify under this exception, you may apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag. You must purchase a moose licence and submit your application, along with your affidavit verifying your relationship to your immediate relative, to a ServiceOntario Centre in the area in which you wish to hunt (see offices and WMU listings, page 80). Please note that the moose draw deadline is June 1, 2009.
- Non-residents who are owners of land in a WMU that has an open season for non-residents and wish to hunt in that unit, may apply for a calf validation tag from a ServiceOntario Centre. (Non-resident landowners are not eligible to apply in the resident moose draw for an adult validation tag.) Non-residents who qualify under this exception and wish to apply for a calf validation tag must purchase a moose licence and, prior to the hunt, submit their application along with proof of property ownership to a ServiceOntario Centre. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one calf validation tag will be issued.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Non-resident moose hunters may hunt moose in WMUs 7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13 and 14 only by hunting through a tourist outfitter or by hunting with an immediate relative (as defined above), who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose. Non-resident landowners are not eligible to moose hunt in these units.

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River. Wildlife Management Units in the Territorial District of Rainy River are: 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B.

Moose Hunter Education

The ministry, in partnership with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.), has produced two manuals: *Book 1 – Moose Biology, Ecology and Management*, and *Book 2 – Moose Hunting Techniques, Hunting Ethics and the Law.*

This two-volume set is available from the O.F.A.H. for $13.45 (GST and shipping included).

A 90-minute DVD on moose hunting has been produced for moose hunters. *Moose Hunt – A Guide To Success* covers such topics as equipment, tracking, calling and field dressing. It may be purchased from the O.F.A.H. for $67.35 (taxes and shipping included).

To order using a credit card, please call the O.F.A.H. at (705) 748-6324 or send a cheque payable to:
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
P.O. Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5

CADMIUM

The Ministry of Natural Resources recommends that people do not eat the liver and kidneys of moose and deer because of concerns about cadmium levels in these internal organs.

LEAD

Recent research has indicated that the amount of lead found in a small percentage of game meat could result in long-term health impacts in people who regularly consume venison harvested using lead ammunition. To date, there is **no** known evidence linking consumption of wild game to lead poisoning.

Exposure to lead can be reduced by:

- Reminding your meat processor to avoid meat with excessive shot damage and trimming generous distances from wound channels
- Using non-lead ammunition (e.g. copper)
- Practicing marksmanship to avoid penetrating major muscle areas. Aim for vital organs on big game.
- Avoiding consumption of internal organs

2008 Moose Validation Tag Draw Provincial Summary

General Draw Statistics

Total tags available	15,233
Total applicants entered in the draw	100,302
Total successful applicants	14,047

Tags available

Gun Bull	9,233
Gun Cow	3,393
Gun Calf	78
Bow Bull	1,007
Bow Cow	1,452
Bow Calf	70
Total	15,233

Group Statistics

Total number of hunters in groups	46,740
Total number of groups	10,573
Total tags issued to groups	7,035
Percentage of groups receiving tags	66%

Individual Statistics

Total number of hunters applying as individuals	53,562
Total tags issued to individuals	7,012
Percentage of individuals receiving tags	13%

Explanation of Tables (pages 47-50)

1 Shows the 2009 Guaranteed Group Size for all WMU/tag/season choices where the group size is 15 or fewer (the current group size maximum). Remember that only Pool 1 hunters are counted when determining group size and guaranteed tags are issued only on the first choice.

2 Shows the 2009 tag quotas for each WMU season and type choice.

3-5 Shows the tag quotas for 2008 and the total valid applications for all pools and choices for each WMU and season.

2009 Moose Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A**,1C,1D**,16A,16B,16C,17**, 25	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	Sept. 21 to Nov. 15	
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B*+, 8, 9A, 9B*+, 11A*+, 11B*, 12A, 12B*+, 13*, 14*, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 12 to Nov. 15	* Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-Resident Guide Requirement in the territorial district of Rainy River
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30*, 31*, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15	Oct. 12 to Nov. 15	* No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
26	Sept. 19 to Oct. 31	Sept. 21 to Oct. 31	
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24	No season	
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 19 to Oct. 24	No season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements for these WMUs on page 36.

** WMUs 1A, 1D, 17 – no road access; water or air access only.

Bows and Muzzle-loaders Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
7A**	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 12 to Nov. 15	
18B**	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	

** Note: To apply for the above bows and muzzle-loader seasons in WMU 7A and 18B, select the Special Bow Season Preference.

Bows-Only

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30*, 31*, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	* No hunting of predominantly white-coloured moose (over 50 per cent white) in WMUs 30 and 31.
7B+, 9B+, 11A+, 11B, 12B+, 13, 14	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	Non-resident landowners must hunt through a Tourist Outfitter. + Non-residents must hunt with a guide in the territorial district of Rainy River.
48, 55A, 55B, 57	Oct. 5 to Oct. 10	No season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements for these WMUs on page 36.

2009 Moose Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
11B	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt adult moose or be in possession of a valid calf validation tag in order to hunt calves. Class 4 only rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loaders.
65*	Oct. 5 to Oct. 7	No season	Must have lower limb disability (see page 44). Eligible hunters must obtain a tag through the draw if they wish to hunt moose. Only bows may be used. Written landowner permission required.
65*	Oct. 8 to Oct. 14	No season	Only bows may be used. Written landowner permission required.

* All hunters must obtain a WMU 65 validation tag, or be the partner of a hunter who has obtained a WMU 65 validation tag, before they can hunt any moose (adult or calf) in WMU 65. Contact Kemptville Office (613) 258-8204 for details. Written landowner permission required.

1 Gun Guaranteed Group Size for 2009*

Note: Maximum group size is 15 hunters

WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2009			In 2008 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags		
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
01A	2	2		2+	2+	
01C	2	2		2+	2+	
01D	2	2		2+	2+	
02	4	3		2+	2+	
03	4	3		2+	3+	
04	5	4		2+	3+	
05	4	5		2+	4+	
06	4	6		2+	4+	
07B	4	6		3+	2+	
08	3	4		2+	3+	
09A	9	8		4+	4+	
09B	6	3		4+	3+	
11A	5	6		4+	5+	
11B	6	5		3+	3+	
12A	5	6		4+	5+	
12B	5	5		4+	3+	
13	4	3		2+	2+	
14	4	5		2+	5+	
15A	7	6		5+	4+	
15B	2	4		2+	4+	
16A	2	2		2+	2+	
16B	4	3		2+	3+	
16C	2	2		2+	2+	
17	2	2		2+	2+	
18A	4	4		4+	2+	
18B	3	3		3+	2+	
19	6	6		3+	4+	
21A	4	3		3+	4+	
21B	8	8		6+	8+	
22	11	12		9+	8+	
23	7	4		11+	8+	
24	9	9		7+	7+	
25	2	2		2+	2+	
26	13	10		13+	8+	
27	14	12		12+	9+	
28	14	10		11+	11+	
29	none	15		none	12+	
30	none	10		13+	9+	
31	none	none		none	none	
32	15	7		10+	6+	
33	10	12		9+	10+	
34	14	none		13+	9+	
35	none	8		none	11+	
36	none	none		none	none	
37	none	14		none	13+	
38	none	13		none	10+	
39	none	14		none	11+	
40	12	13		13+	13+	
41	none	none		none	none	
42	none	none		none	none	
46	none	none		11+	7+	
47	none	none		none	none	
48	none	none	none	none	none	5+
49	none	none		14+	15	
50	12	12		7+	8+	
53	none	none		12+	11+	
54	10	13		8+	8+	
55A	none	none	none	none	8+	2+
55B	none	none	no quota	none	none	no quota
56	14	none		15	13+	
57	none	none	none	12+	11+	none
60	14	13		none	15	
61	10	14		7+	7+	
62	none	no quota		15	no quota	
63	13	none		12+	8+	

Bow Hunting Guaranteed Group Size for 2009*

WMU	Pool 1 Choice 1 Group Size Guarantee for 2009			In 2008 all groups of this size and larger were issued tags		
	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS
02	2	2		2+	2+	
03	5	2		2+	2+	
04	3	2		2+	2+	
05	3	2		3+	2+	
06	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
07A	2	2		2+	2+	
07B	2	no quota		2+	no quota	
08	3	2		2+	2+	
09A	6	2		3+	2+	
09B	4	2		3+	2+	
11A	2	no quota		2+	2+	
11B	3	no quota		2+	no quota	
12A	2	2		2+	2+	
12B	5	2		4+	2+	
13	4	2		2+	2+	
14	2	2		2+	2+	
15A	3	2		3+	2+	
15B	4	2		2+	2+	
18A	2	2		2+	2+	
18B	4	3		3+	2+	
19	3	2		2+	2+	
21A	5	2		4+	2+	
21B	9	2		6+	2+	
22	9	2		5+	2+	
23	4	2		7+	2+	
24	6	2		5+	2+	
29	none	2		15	2+	
38	none	4		none	4+	
48	none	none	none	none	3+	none
55A	none	none	none	5+	none	none
55B	none	none	no quota	none	none	no quota
57	none	none	none	none	none	none
65	none	none		none	none	

* Guaranteed Group Sizes for WMUs 1-42 are calculated using 95% of the total quota, with 5% set aside for the draw for Northern Residents.

2 2009 Moose Validation Tag Quotas

Gun Tags Available for 2009

WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	TOTAL
01A	22	23	45
01C	270	180	450
01D	5	5	10
02	136	40	176
03	240	132	372
04	135	63	198
05	435	145	580
06	44	10	54
07B	26	5	31
08	240	80	320
09A	58	20	78
09B	40	17	57
11A	45	15	60
11B	70	35	105
12A	110	25	135
12B	265	90	355
13	775	375	1,150
14	29	5	34
15A	145	60	205
15B	1230	375	1,605
16A	100	35	135
16B	85	30	115
16C	350	150	500
17	138	83	221
18A	156	54	210
18B	42	20	62
19	140	49	189
21A	835	616	1,451
21B	239	88	327
22	54	22	76
23	74	52	126
24	134	84	218
25	95	50	145
26	30	20	50
27	80	20	100
28	258	264	522
29	52	41	93
30	100	65	165
31	24	14	38
32	77	36	113
33	40	5	45
34	20	5	25
35	44	48	92
36	13	4	17
37	30	20	50
38	103	65	168
39	74	40	114
40	169	64	233
41	73	53	126
42	24	12	36
46	40	6	46
47	70	40	110

Gun Tags Available for 2009

WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
48	15	13	75	103
49	125	52		177
50	163	61		224
53	46	20		66
54	141	30		171
55A	15	5	13	33
55B	3	4	0	7
56	79	26		105
57	14	8	5	27
60	92	44		136
61	83	29		112
62	10	0		10
63	37	17		54
Total	**8,906**	**4,164**	**93**	**13,163**

Bow Hunting Tags Available for 2009

WMU	BULL TAGS	COW TAGS	CALF TAGS	TOTAL
02	8	4		12
03	17	20		37
04	12	5		17
05	55	40		95
06	4	0		4
07A	15	5		20
07B	5	0		5
08	25	5		30
09A	5	4		9
09B	10	5		15
11A	8	0		8
11B	10	0		10
12A	30	10		40
12B	20	5		25
13	65	45		110
14	15	10		25
15A	30	15		45
15B	67	35		102
18A	118	43		161
18B	36	22		58
19	120	80		200
21A	96	500		596
21B	26	100		126
22	14	12		26
23	52	88		140
24	50	90		140
29	32	250		282
38	11	14		25
48	15	47	25	87
55A	14	10	20	44
55B	8	15	0	23
57	10	10	20	40
65	12	18		30
Total	**1,015**	**1,507**	**65**	**2,587**

For WMUs 1-42 Regular Draw uses 95% of the above quotas, Northern Draw uses 5% of the above quota.

3 2008 Adult Moose Tag Draw Gun Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas G-BULL	Quotas G-COW	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-BULL	Choice 1 G-COW	Choice 2 G-BULL	Choice 2 G-COW
01A	22	23	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1
01C	270	180	30	14	10	15	78	47	40	42
01D	5	5	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	2
2	133	27	104	51	85	63	109	31	80	52
3	324	98	708	281	408	403	418	168	235	224
4	168	44	551	149	323	335	264	107	158	151
5	455	130	1,366	499	689	824	640	188	333	384
6	50	10	122	37	76	54	68	15	47	26
7B	58	5	72	7	40	35	60	24	43	30
8	240	80	507	227	329	383	291	104	160	205
9A	100	25	404	105	250	242	152	52	113	98
9B	50	15	196	45	110	130	86	24	40	56
11A	45	15	154	72	123	71	74	29	56	34
11B	115	35	355	120	212	189	125	58	91	66
12A	110	25	419	123	227	226	157	56	90	92
12B	275	85	1,002	314	529	586	388	110	181	267
13	870	290	1,918	744	1,101	1,090	1,183	386	642	681
14	29	5	83	25	41	52	36	8	12	20
15A	160	60	756	280	426	423	311	108	171	183
15B	1,230	300	1,714	1,082	1,294	1,071	1,125	556	777	694
16A	91	32	36	16	34	15	77	24	38	49
16B	85	30	220	60	86	120	97	34	54	59
16C	350	150	96	45	75	70	157	89	112	101
17	138	83	104	53	53	68	120	89	78	85
18A	156	38	289	90	118	172	138	69	82	88
18B	42	20	105	39	66	84	74	22	30	57
19	140	49	539	199	281	397	233	90	116	174
21A	803	257	2,330	975	1,200	1,353	971	491	504	635
21B	239	88	1,360	644	827	974	437	173	257	289
22	54	22	448	168	214	328	113	39	43	79
23	41	27	359	194	196	325	141	46	79	96
24	134	84	861	691	689	721	323	151	196	253
25	95	50	143	57	78	70	87	51	48	54
26	30	20	313	164	212	203	69	32	45	51
27	80	20	892	163	410	556	272	69	131	170
28	174	164	2,848	2,203	2,121	2,305	956	462	501	735
29	54	40	1,303	427	604	1,014	365	133	178	283
30	100	65	1,212	543	685	944	315	125	175	240
31	62	21	1,058	324	623	723	257	96	148	190
32	92	32	856	179	357	551	224	56	94	130
33	40	5	350	42	136	178	62	9	29	30
34	20	5	235	62	85	180	53	18	18	39
35	62	25	1,091	250	484	736	299	76	142	218
36	13	4	515	112	239	316	178	37	66	106
37	35	18	513	194	292	317	201	56	73	135
38	103	65	1,331	741	882	1,001	412	138	231	311
39	74	40	1,218	424	617	893	337	115	166	229
40	154	60	2,950	710	1,029	2,077	723	220	311	471
41	78	47	2,618	871	1,244	2,028	714	191	301	529
42	25	11	1,462	520	680	997	383	106	172	270
46	55	17	611	102	160	392	162	44	50	101
47	67	34	1,755	582	670	1,236	479	183	173	329
48	7	8	297	155	206	220	86	44	65	71
49	119	52	1,592	746	796	1,197	512	184	183	378
50	235	70	1,708	606	858	981	500	186	227	318
53	45	25	515	310	341	360	218	63	72	143
54	140	28	1,180	253	505	564	289	126	164	163
55A	15	4	183	31	50	67	66	15	25	24
55B	2	6	31	25	27	19	21	12	9	10
56	66	24	800	419	445	567	259	83	97	173
57	16	6	183	51	89	117	80	29	35	58
60	69	34	989	502	496	706	388	166	168	268
61	83	34	558	406	290	385	242	136	123	169
62	10	0	113	0	56	0	85	0	30	0
63	31	22	313	278	195	243	159	79	84	107
TOTAL	**9,233**	**3,393**	**48,948**	**19,802**	**26,074**	**32,963**	**17,902**	**6,730**	**9,194**	**11,776**

Quotas for WMUs 1-42 include tags which were put aside for the draw for Northern Residents.

4 2008 Adult Moose Tag Draw Bow Hunting Quotas and Applications

WMU	Quotas B-BULL	Quotas B-COW	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-BULL	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-COW	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-BULL	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-COW	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-BULL	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-COW	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-BULL	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-COW
2	9	4	8	1	5	2	15	2	7	5
3	27	30	47	4	19	8	34	6	20	18
4	10	5	23	1	10	1	21	5	9	9
5	50	30	151	6	77	24	73	15	45	19
6	4	0	6	0	12	1	5	0	4	1
7A	21	5	2	1	1	1	7	7	9	4
7B	5	0	4	0	1	0	7	0	2	0
8	25	5	45	0	14	4	33	0	12	6
9A	10	2	26	2	22	1	12	1	6	0
9B	13	5	31	0	21	7	11	3	10	3
11A	10	5	13	0	21	0	4	1	11	1
11B	5	0	12	0	10	3	7	0	5	1
12A	25	10	72	1	15	6	17	6	16	2
12B	20	4	78	1	28	12	21	5	20	4
13	80	45	209	11	11	28	109	32	75	29
14	15	10	9	0	9	1	15	1	5	4
15A	25	10	82	4	48	13	37	3	17	7
15B	67	35	175	7	124	21	65	24	57	25
18A	118	43	70	8	49	21	59	15	20	29
18B	36	22	138	36	58	72	52	37	29	41
19	120	80	307	27	132	47	141	58	70	55
21A	95	500	385	25	198	78	179	78	88	92
21B	26	100	147	2	71	35	55	22	35	25
22	14	12	69	21	48	23	24	8	13	6
23	22	50	132	2	110	9	64	24	30	30
24	50	90	223	14	119	46	88	31	47	49
29	32	250	353	183	253	166	154	112	118	101
38	11	14	154	49	72	78	67	24	33	38
48	11	39	245	114	100	160	97	39	39	51
55A	19	5	71	3	31	16	32	3	12	10
55B	6	20	53	23	20	31	25	16	14	13
57	13	5	69	4	12	15	44	4	6	20
65	13	17	148	70	35	102	77	44	34	50
TOTAL	**1,007**	**1,452**	**3,531**	**618**	**1,848**	**1,027**	**1,639**	**613**	**891**	**753**

Quotas for WMUs 1-42 include tags which were put aside for the draw for Northern Residents.

5 2008 Calf Moose Tag Draw Gun and Bow Hunting Quotas and Applications

WMU	Gun Quota G-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 G-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 G-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 G-CALF	Bow Quota B-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-CALF	POOL 1 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 1 B-CALF	POOL 2 APPLICATIONS Choice 2 B-CALF
48	48	223	181	88	59	30	10	69	44	41
55A	22	32	92	34	39	20	2	12	7	9
55B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	8	17	60	39	39	20	6	20	6	8
TOTAL	**78**	**272**	**333**	**161**	**137**	**70**	**18**	**101**	**57**	**58**

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

It is illegal to abandon game or allow it to spoil. If you mistakenly shoot the wrong game, please call the 1-877-TIPS-MNR line and report it as soon as possible.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

CONSERVATION OFFICER Ontario AGENT DE PROTECTION DE LA NATURE

Conservation Officers check for loaded firearms in or on motorized vehicles and vessels

Most hunters understand and follow Ontario's hunting regulations, but some common mistakes are made by hunters every year that can result in a serious injury or violation.

Each year over 200 charges or warnings are issued by Conservation Officers for loaded firearms in a motorized vehicle or vessel.

Non-compliance of this regulation can lead to fines up to $25,000 and seizure of the firearm.

Remember: Alcohol affects your ability to safely handle firearms and motorized vehicles and increases your risk of having an accident while in the outdoors.

It is unsafe and illegal to possess or carry a loaded firearm in or on a motorized vehicle or vessel.

If you see or suspect an act of resource abuse, call the Ministry of Natural Resources toll-free TIPS line anytime of day, year round, at 1-877-847-7667.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

CONSERVATION OFFICER
Ontario
AGENT DE PROTECTION DE LA NATURE

White-tailed Deer Regulations

INFORMATION FOR ALL DEER HUNTERS

Licence fees can be found on page 12.

Firearms

Big game, including deer, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). When hunting deer you may use or carry a firearm of the type permitted for hunting deer at that time in that WMU. For example, when hunting deer during a bows-only season, you may use or carry only bow hunting equipment. You may not carry a rifle or shotgun for hunting other species.

Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting deer can be found on page 22.

Party Hunting for Deer

Party hunting for deer is permitted during the open season for deer **under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions can be found on page 23.**

A person shall not hunt deer in a party during a controlled deer hunt season unless he or she holds a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The exception is a hunter apprentice hunting with a mentor (in which case the mentor must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag).

Sealing and Transporting Deer

The antlerless deer validation tag must be affixed to the recipient's game seal before hunting begins.

The controlled deer hunt validation tag must be carried by the recipient at all times while hunting in a controlled hunt.

If you have killed a deer while hunting alone, you must, **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site, securely **attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.**

If party hunting for deer, the member whose game seal is to be used and whose licence has been validated for hunting deer of the type that has been killed must **immediately** after the kill, and at the kill site, **securely attach the game seal to the animal, in the manner described on the seal.**

A person who seals a deer must notch out the month, date, and time of the kill on the game seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the deer. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a deer.

If you are transporting part of a deer, you must know, and be prepared to state:

- The name of the hunter who sealed the animal
- The hunting licence number and validation tag number under which the animal was sealed
- The WMU in which it was taken

if requested to do so by a conservation officer.

Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENTS WISHING TO HUNT DEER

Guides

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer in the Territorial District of Rainy River. WMUs within the Territorial District of Rainy River are 9B, 10, 11A and part of 7B and 12B.

Non-Residents of Canada Crown Land Camping Restrictions – WMUs 6, 7B, 9A, 9B

All Crown land camping in Ontario is regulated; see page 25 for more information.

Non-residents must also be aware that Crown land camping is prohibited within 1 km of the following road systems in Kenora and Fort Frances Districts between October 1 to November 15:

- Hwy 71 and roads branching off Hwy 71 from Strachan Road to the junction of Hwy 17
- Hwy 596, Caribou Falls Road and Sand Lake Road and all roads branching off these roads to the junction of the English River Road
- Rush Bay Road and branch roads
- Shoal Lake Road and branch roads
- Gundy Lake Road and branch roads.

For more information contact the Kenora District Office at (807) 468-2501 or the Fort Frances District Office at (807) 274-5337.

INFORMATION FOR ONTARIO RESIDENTS WISHING TO HUNT DEER

There are two types of opportunities for Ontario resident deer hunters that involve computerized random draws for validation tags. They are:

- The Antlerless Deer Draw – deadline **June 30, 2009**
- The Controlled Deer Hunt Draw – deadline August 31, 2009

The **antlerless deer** validation tag program was instituted in portions of Ontario in 1980, when deer populations were at a relatively low level.

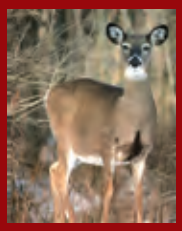
An antlerless deer is defined as a deer that has no antlers, or has antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) in length.

The program's purpose is to ensure the sustainability of the herd. Habitat has a limited ability to support deer; this ability is called the carrying capacity of the habitat. Maintaining a deer population within the carrying capacity of its habitat ensures a healthy population with minimal habitat impacts, which ensures sustainability.

The antlerless deer validation tag program is used to limit the number of antlerless tags allocated, which controls the number of antlerless deer harvested. If deer populations are low, then the number of antlerless tags offered will be low, to allow the herd to rebuild. As deer numbers increase, the number of antlerless tags offered will increase to control the growth of the herd. The antlerless deer validation tag program allows any legally licensed hunter to harvest a buck, but an antlerless deer (a doe or fawn) can be harvested only if the hunter or hunting party holds an antlerless deer validation tag.

The term **"controlled deer hunt"** means that the number of deer hunters hunting in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) is controlled or limited.

Controlled deer hunts take place in southern and southwestern Ontario. Many hunters refer to these hunts as the "shotgun hunts" because the firearm that is permitted is usually a shotgun or flintlock/percussion cap muzzle-loading gun.



ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS

Starting this year, the deadline for applying to the Antlerless Deer Draw is June 30. The earlier deadline will enhance customer service and ensure timely delivery of deer validation tags to hunters.

Additional Game Seals for Deer

Deer populations in Ontario have flourished in recent years, leading to crop damage and increased deer/vehicle collisions in some areas.

When deer populations in certain Wildlife Management Units warrant, hunters may be offered the opportunity to purchase game seals to harvest additional deer. In offering these game seals for sale, limits will apply on both the total number of seals a hunter may purchase and the number of seals a hunter may purchase for any one Hunt Code.

For most WMUs additional game seals will be sold by an automated telephone system only from July 20-August 4, 2009, on a first come, first served basis, at 1-800-288-1155.

In early July, hunters who purchased an additional deer seal in 2008 or 2007 will be mailed a brochure confirming the WMUs that will offer additional deer seals and containing the hunt codes required to use this system. (If you do not receive a brochure, please call the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011 or view it on the MNR website at *ontario.ca/hunting*.) Cost of the additional deer seal for residents is $38.75 (includes GST).

If a WMU has any game seals remaining for sale after August 4, they will be sold at selected ServiceOntario Centres starting August 24. Note that the limits mentioned above remain in effect during this over-the-counter sales period.

Additional seals for Controlled Deer Hunts will be sold in October as outlined in the brochure. Hunters must possess a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag along with their additional game seal to hunt with their additional seal during the Controlled Deer Hunt Season.

Please refer to the brochure that will be mailed in early July for more information.

NOTE: An additional game seal for deer is NOT a deer licence. An additional game seal for deer is valid only if the hunter possesses a current deer licence and a valid outdoors card.

DEER FAMILY COMPARISON

Four different members of the deer family range freely in Ontario. You must have a valid licence for the species you are hunting. There is no open season for elk or caribou in Ontario, so you must be absolutely certain that the animal you see is the right species, sex and age.

There are differences in the size, shape and colour of moose, white-tailed deer, elk and caribou.

WOODLAND CARIBOU
Size: 1.0-1.2 m (3.5-4.0 ft.)
at the shoulders
Bull: 160 to 210 kg (353-464 lb)
Cow: 110 to 150 kg (243-331 lb)

MOOSE
Size: 1.5-1.8 m (5.5-6.0 ft.)
at the shoulders
Bull: 336 to 448 kg (900 -1,200 lb)
Cow: 224 to 299 kg (600-800 lb)

ELK
Size: 1.2 to 1.5 m (4.0-5.0 ft.)
at the shoulders
Bull: average 354 kg (780 lb)
Cow: 227 to 239 kg (500-525 lb)

WHITE-TAILED DEER
Size: 0.9 to 1.1 m (3.0-3.5 ft.)
at the shoulders
Adult buck: 45 to 136 kg
(100-300 lb)
Adult doe: 39 to 60 kg (85-130 lb)

Applying to the Draw for an Antlerless Deer Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag. Hunters who receive a validation tag in the draw are permitted to harvest their choice of **EITHER** an antlerless deer in the WMU specified on the tag **OR** an antlered deer anywhere in the province during the open season – with the exception of during a controlled hunt. See page 61 for information on hunting during a controlled deer hunt season.

Licensed hunters who do not apply to the antlerless draw, or who are not successful in the draw for an antlerless deer validation tag, may harvest an antlered deer only, anywhere in the province during the open season, with the exception of during a controlled hunt or where a hunter has an additional deer seal validated for an antlerless deer.

Hunters who wish to apply to the antlerless deer draw may use one of two methods. For your convenience, you may purchase your resident's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card) and apply to the antlerless deer draw in one toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155** between April 1 to **June 30**. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You may also purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer and submit a paper application for the draw to a ServiceOntario Centre.

Your chance of being drawn for an antlerless deer validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application. **Choose one method only** – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (ET) on June 30, 2009.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at a ServiceOntario Centre is 5:00 p.m. (ET) on June 30, 2009.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Applying by Telephone

The telephone application system will allow you to both purchase a deer licence and apply to the antlerless validation tag draw in one phone call. **(If you have already purchased a deer licence, you must apply to the antlerless tag draw using the paper application that comes with your licence and game seal. Please refer to the section on Applying by Paper Application on page 57.)**

There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone, including:

- User-friendly system
- Limits data entry errors
- Confirmation of draw entry
- Postage fees eliminated

To use this system you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must
renew it before you use the telephone application system. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155,
- At *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the antlerless deer validation tag draw.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

It is recommended that you complete the Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone found on page 56 before making your call.

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card number
- A VISA, MasterCard or American Express credit card (the charge on your credit card will be $38.75)
- The first and second choice (if you have one) Wildlife Management Units (including any sub-units) to which you would like to apply
- A Touch-Tone™ telephone.

During your call, listen to the recorded instructions carefully. You will be asked to confirm your answers, and will be given the opportunity to change an answer if you make a mistake. Remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the telephone keypad. Do not speak your answers. The information that you enter electronically during your telephone call (using your telephone keypad) is your direct application to the draw.

When keying in the WMU to which you wish to apply, remember that single-digit WMUs (such as 5, 6, 7 etc.) must be entered with a "0" as the first digit. Enter such WMUs by keying 05, 06, 07, etc. Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2009) on page 56. Remain on the line to get an Authorization Number that confirms you are successfully entered into the antlerless deer draw. Record this number at the bottom of your worksheet for future reference.

Confirm your postal code before hanging up. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address so your licence (and validation tag if you are successful in the draw) will reach you; or update your address at: *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Remember, do not apply to the draw by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2009)

1C**	21B**	50	72B*
2**	22**	53A	73
03	23**	53B*	74A
04	24**	54	74B
05	25**	55A	75
06	26**	55B	76*
07A	27**	56	77*
07B	28	57	78*
08	29**	58	79*
09A	30**	59	80*
09B	31**	60	81*
10	34**	61	82A
11A	35**	62	82B
11B	36	63A	83A
12A	37	63B	84
12B	38	64A	85*
13	39	64B	86*
14	40**	65	87*
15A	41	66A	88*
15B	42	66B*	89*
16A**	43A	67	90*
16B**	43B	68A	91*
16C**	44	68B	92*
17**	45	69A*	93*
18A**	46	69B	94*
18B**	47	70*	
19**	48	71	
21A	49	72A	

* Tags for these WMUs are valid only during the bows-only season.

** New WMUs

Antlerless Deer Draw Worksheet for Hunters Applying by Telephone

Note: The antlerless deer draw system does not accept controlled deer hunt applications.

Fill in the worksheet before you call, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Authorization Number. Before the call you need to record your Outdoors Card Number, choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit(s), and credit card number and expiry date.

Using your best Touch-Tone™ telephone, dial **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from April 1 to **June 30**. **Be sure to apply early**. If you wait for the last day and cannot get through because the lines are busy, you will not be able to enter the antlerless deer draw. **Do not wait until the last day.**

NOTE: If you are having a problem applying by telephone, after your fourth unsuccessful attempt to enter correct information when prompted, you will be given the telephone number of the Outdoors Card Centre. You should call this number as directed during regular business hours for assistance with your draw application. If you do not call this number before the draw deadline, your application will not be entered into the draw.

STEP 1 When the system prompts you, use the keypad of your telephone to choose the Antlerless Deer Draw entry option.

STEP 2 After the prompt, enter the 15 digits of your Outdoors Card.
Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 3 After the prompt, enter your first choice Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Only the valid WMUs listed on this page will be accepted.

First, enter only the numbers of your WMU. If your WMU has more than one sub-unit, you will be asked to select the sub-unit next.

Your First Choice WMU is: ☐ ☐ ☐

PLEASE NOTE: You will be asked to confirm your choice of WMU. Listen to your choice carefully before confirming it. The responsibility for entering the correct WMU rests solely with the applicant. You cannot change your choices after you have confirmed them and entered the draw.

STEP 4 Repeat step 3 for your second choice WMU.
Your Second Choice WMU is: ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 5 Enter your VISA, MasterCard or American Express card number:

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 6 Enter the four digit expiry date from your credit card:
expiry date ☐ ☐ / ☐ ☐
month year

STEP 7 Stay on the line while the system authorizes your credit card number. Record the authorization number for your records.
Your authorization number is: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 8 Stay on the line to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your licence (and validation tag if successful in the draw) when it is mailed to you. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (**1-800-387-7011**) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*. A correct address will ensure you receive your licence and game seal.

Keep this worksheet for your records.

Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer validation tag using a paper application must first purchase a resident's or farmer's deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of your Outdoors Card).

To purchase a deer licence from a licence issuer you must have a valid hunting version Outdoors Card in your possession. If your Outdoors Card has expired, you must renew it before you can purchase your deer licence. The quickest, most convenient ways to renew your Outdoors Card are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155
- At *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Your new Outdoors Card will reach you in two to three weeks.

For more information on Outdoors Card renewal options, see page 15.

When you buy your deer licence, you will receive a paper application for the antlerless deer draw and your game seal.

Fill out the application form carefully and completely.

Write in a valid antlerless deer Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Be sure to indicate the WMU sub-unit (A, B or C) if required. (Refer to the table titled Valid Antlerless Deer Wildlife Management Units (2009) on page 56.) If you need more information or have a question, call the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Ensure that the Outdoors Card number imprinted on your application for an antlerless deer validation tag is legible. If any portion of the imprinted number is not clear, write it neatly in the space provided at the top of the application. You are not required to indicate a second choice on your application if you do not have a second choice.

Submit your application well before the **5:00 p.m. (ET)**, **June 30, 2009**, deadline for the antlerless deer draw. Remember that this deadline for your paper application is the date by which your application has to be in ServiceOntario/MNR's hands. **This deadline is NOT a "postmarked by" date.** Whether an application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. **All late applications will not be entered into the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your application must be received by the deadline.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Line at 1-800-288-1155 to determine the results of the Antlerless Deer Draw. This automated line runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week from August 10 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

The Mailing of Licences and Antlerless Deer Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants and those hunters who used the telephone application system to purchase their deer licence will be notified by mail.

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw by telephone and were successful, the validation tag you receive is part of the game seal that is mailed to you. **Remember to remove your resident's deer licence tag from the top left corner of your game seal and affix it to the back of your Outdoors Card before you go hunting.**

If you applied to the antlerless deer draw with a paper application and were successful, the validation tag you receive must be affixed to your game seal.

Do not lose your validation tag or game seal.

If you were successful in the draw, or you purchased a licence by telephone, and you have not received your licence and/or validation tag, visit the ServiceOntario Centre which serves your area. You can get a duplicate licence and/or validation tag through your ServiceOntario Centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. There may be a charge for this service. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

If you have moved recently and have not informed the ministry of your new address you may not receive your licence/validation tag when it is mailed after the draw. Please call the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** to update your address information, or change your address at *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

2009 Deer Seasons

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders

Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders are permitted during many of these seasons; check the conditions under which you may hunt. Those seasons located in Southern Ontario that include Sundays are subject to the Sunday gun hunting restrictions. (See page 24.)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1C, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	No season	
2, 3, 4, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A,	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	No season	
5	Oct. 3 to Oct. 9	No season	Bows, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
5	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	No season	No dogs
6, 7B+, 9A, 9B+, 11A+	Oct. 3 to Oct. 9	Oct. 3 to Oct. 9	No dogs; Bows and muzzle-loading guns only + Non-Resident Guide Requirement in the territorial district of Rainy River
6, 7B+, 9A, 9B+, 11A+, 12A, 12B+	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15	+ Non-Resident Guide Requirement in the territorial district of Rainy River
7A	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
8	Oct. 17 to Oct. 30	Oct. 17 to Oct. 30	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
8	Oct. 31 to Dec. 15	Oct. 31 to Dec. 15	No dogs
10	Oct. 31 to Dec. 15	Oct. 31 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
18B	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	No season	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
21B	Oct. 10 to Dec. 15	Oct. 12 to Nov. 15	
22, 23, 24, 27, 30, 34*	Oct. 10 to Nov. 15	Oct. 12 to Nov. 15	
25	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	Sept. 21 to Nov. 15	
26	Sept. 19 to Oct. 31	Sept. 21 to Oct. 31	
28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	
43A, 43B	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	Landowner's written Permission Requirement; no dogs. Burpee Twp. is in WMU 43B
44	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	Nov. 2 to Nov. 14	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
45	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13	Nov. 7 to Nov. 13	No dogs
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54**, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 66A, 67, 68A, 74B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	
59	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	Nov. 30 to Dec 6	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
65, 71, 72A, 73, 75	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	Bows, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
37, 43A +, 43B+, 60, 61, 62, 63A, 63B, 64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	+ Landowner's written Permission Requirement; Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
64B, 68B, 69B, 74A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	Nov. 2 to Nov. 15	Bows, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	Nov. 2 to Nov. 7	No dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 30 to Dec. 5	Nov. 30 to Dec. 5	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82B	Nov. 16 to Nov. 21	Nov. 16 to Nov. 21	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

* Excluding parts of WMU 34 that lie within the boundaries of Lake Superior Provincial Park

** Excluding parts of WMU 54 that lie within the boundaries of Algonquin Park

Bow Hunting Seasons

Bow hunters wishing to hunt antlerless deer in a WMU with a bows-only season (refer to the table below 2009 Bows-Only Seasons – Deer) must apply to the antlerless deer validation tag draw in that unit.

Do not apply for an antlerless deer validation tag in a WMU with a controlled hunt unless you plan to hunt with a bow during the bows-only season. You must apply to the controlled hunt draw if you wish to hunt with a permitted firearm other than a bow during the controlled season.

2009 Bows-Only Seasons – Deer (No Dogs)

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident– Open Season
2, 3, 4, 11B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 19, 21A	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9	No season
5	Sept. 1 to Oct. 2	No season
6, 7B*, 9A, 9B*, 11A*	Sept. 1 to Oct. 2	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2
8	Sept. 1 to Oct.16	Oct. 3 to Oct. 16
10*	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30
12A, 12B*	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9
18A	Sept. 19 to Oct. 9	No season
21B	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9
22, 23, 24, 27, 30	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Oct. 9 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30
28, 29, 31, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 30	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 30
34**	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30
36, 42	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Dec. 15
37	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 15 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 15
43A***, 43B***	Oct. 1 to Nov. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 15
44***	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1
45	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Oct. 30 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 57, 58	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15
53B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 7 to Dec. 15
54****, 55A, 55B, 56	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15
59, 63B, 64A, 64B, 66A, 67, 68A, 68B, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 74B, 75,	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31
60, 61, 62, 63A	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 15	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 15

* Non-Resident Guide Requirement in 9B, 10, 11A and parts of 7B and 12B in the territorial district of Rainy River (page 52)
** Excluding parts of WMU 34 which lie within the boundaries of Lake Superior Provincial Park
*** Landowner Permission in 43A, 43B and 44 (Burpee Twp. in 43B)
**** Excluding parts of WMU 54 which lie within the boundaries of Algonquin Provincial Park

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season (antlered deer only)
65	Oct. 1 to Oct. 4 Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Oct. 4 Oct. 15 to Nov. 1 Nov. 16 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31
66B	Nov. 9 to Nov. 14	Nov. 9 to Nov. 14
69A1, 69A3, 72B	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
69A2, 70	Oct. 1 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31
76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 7 to Nov. 29 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No Season
78C, 78D, 78E, 87A, 88, 94A	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31	No Season
79C, 79D	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 7 to Dec. 31	No Season
80, 85A, 85B, 85C 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 93A, 93B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 9 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	No Season
82A, 83A, 84	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Nov. 29 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Nov. 29 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31
82B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Nov. 15 Nov. 22 to Nov. 29 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 8 to Nov. 15 Nov. 22 to Nov. 29 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31
86A, 86B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	No Season
91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 9 to Nov. 15 Nov. 23 to Nov. 29 Dec. 7 to Dec. 31	No Season
93C	Contact the Chatham Area Office	No Season
94B	Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 Nov. 9 to Dec. 31	No Season

2008 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Regular Season Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS 1ST	APPLICATIONS 2ND	ALLOCATIONS 1ST	ALLOCATIONS 2ND	% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
3	200	169	83	169	4	100%
4	100	25	41	25	4	100%
5	350	336	295	336	6	100%
6	200	51	117	51	0	100%
7A	100	4	15	4	0	100%
7B	1,600	867	568	867	7	100%
8	700	552	287	552	4	100%
9A	350	181	215	181	3	100%
9B	550	527	372	527	3	100%
10	1,800	1,480	677	1,480	10	100%
11A	500	281	176	281	3	100%
11B	75	35	100	35	1	100%
12A	75	32	47	32	0	100%
12B	350	224	329	224	9	100%
13	2,500	2,046	847	2,046	13	100%
14	150	16	24	16	0	100%
15A	150	56	38	56	1	100%
15B	200	128	262	128	6	100%
21A	150	106	107	106	5	100%
28	75	213	168	75	0	35%
36	600	1,134	832	600	0	53%
37	800	1,344	887	800	0	60%
38	75	37	217	37	38	100%
39	125	456	418	125	0	27%
41	250	758	622	250	0	33%
42	500	1,787	1,139	500	0	28%
43A	800	945	426	800	0	85%
43B	6,000	5,475	1,739	5,475	367	100%
44	125	138	40	125	0	91%
45	425	1,241	432	425	0	34%
46	2,100	1,702	778	1,702	46	100%
47	6,016	6,016	2,396	6,016	0	100%
48	900	1,759	1,235	900	0	51%
49	4,000	4,085	1,963	4,000	0	98%
50	1,150	1,605	826	1,150	0	72%
53A	2,150	2,261	1,015	2,150	0	95%
54	1,400	1,267	841	1,267	49	100%
55A	600	971	577	600	0	62%
55B	500	1,578	1,097	500	0	32%
56	2,356	2,356	1,255	2,356	0	100%
57	2,700	3,199	1,642	2,700	0	84%
58	2,700	3,679	2,263	2,700	0	73%
59	2,000	2,449	1,558	2,000	0	82%
60	4,500	6,316	2,607	4,500	0	71%
61	3,000	3,899	2,014	3,000	0	77%
62	1,500	2,785	1,475	1,500	0	54%
63A	5,000	4,749	2,007	4,749	251	100%
63B	1,200	1,137	927	1,137	21	100%
64A	1,960	1,960	1,350	1,960	0	100%
64B	691	691	753	691	0	100%
65	4,489	4,489	1,536	4,489	0	100%
66A	2,000	1,814	820	1,814	28	100%
67	4,300	4,189	2,053	4,189	111	100%
68A	700	900	671	700	0	78%
68B	1,200	1,669	1,002	1,200	0	72%
69B	210	185	234	185	4	100%
71	1,000	874	878	874	126	100%
72A	1,050	860	541	860	57	100%
73	2,600	2,445	1,492	2,445	144	100%
74A	600	417	558	417	86	100%
74B	850	774	620	774	76	100%
75	1,650	1,150	870	1,150	116	100%
82A	6,071	6,071	1,955	6,071	0	100%
82B	757	757	751	757	0	100%
83A	450	955	349	450	0	47%
84	2,825	2,825	1,125	2,825	0	100%

2008 Antlerless Deer Validation Tag Draw Results

For Bows-Only Tags

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS 1ST	APPLICATIONS 2ND	ALLOCATIONS 1ST	ALLOCATIONS 2ND	% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
53B	25	31	87	25	0	81%
66B	30	4	37	4	0	100%
69A	1,400	391	496	391	102	100%
70	1,000	318	357	318	68	100%
72B	100	17	66	17	4	100%
76	936	936	484	936	0	100%
77	736	736	368	736	0	100%
78	1,300	976	645	976	47	100%
79	500	218	129	218	3	100%
80	1,500	1,240	580	1,240	37	100%
81	600	563	325	563	5	100%
85	1,200	803	364	803	11	100%
86	500	382	198	382	7	100%
87	1,500	1,057	483	1,057	22	100%
88	500	243	269	243	8	100%
89	1,605	1,605	621	1,605	0	100%
90	1,100	1,051	561	1,051	10	100%
91	1,000	660	327	660	16	100%
92	1,732	1,731	618	1,731	1	100%
93	850	760	422	760	21	100%
94	1,500	1,065	600	1,065	64	100%

Applying to the Draw for a Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag

Any resident of Ontario who has a valid hunting version Outdoors Card may apply to the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag. Tags are randomly assigned by computer. Each hunter who receives a tag in the draw is permitted to hunt a deer in the WMU specified on the tag during the period indicated.

Hunters who are not successful in the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag may not participate in the controlled deer hunt. (**NOTE:** Hunter Apprentices may participate in a controlled hunt if hunting with a Mentor who has a controlled deer hunt validation tag, see page 20 for additional information.)

Hunters who are applying to the controlled deer draw do not have to purchase a deer licence prior to applying to the draw. However, hunters who receive a validation tag in the draw must purchase a deer licence tag (the sticker that goes on the back of the Outdoors Card) before they can hunt in the controlled hunt.

There are two ways to enter the draw for a controlled deer hunt validation tag:

- By calling the toll-free automated telephone application system at 1-800-288-1155 **OR**
- By paper application to a ServiceOntario Centre.

NOTE: If you are applying for a controlled deer hunt validation tag as a farmer/landowner, you must apply with a paper application to a ServiceOntario Centre (page 80) in the area in which you or your immediate relative own land. For more information on farmer/landowner applications, see page 64.

Your chance of being drawn for a controlled deer hunt validation tag is the same whether you apply by telephone or by paper application, and both application methods are free of charge. **Choose one method only – you will be disqualified if more than one application is submitted in your name.**

Draw applicants who wish to hunt in a party should apply as a group (using one application form) rather than as individuals. (The benefit of this is that if your group application is selected in the computerized draw, **every hunter** listed on your application will receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. The applicant who hunts in a party but applies as an individual risks being the only hunter in the party who is successful, or unsuccessful, in the draw.) The maximum number of hunters who can apply as one group is four.

Whether a hunter applies by telephone or by paper application, the responsibility for entering a valid application rests with that hunter. If you have any questions regarding your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940. For a list of WMUs that offer controlled deer hunts, see page 65.

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2009.

The deadline for paper applications to be received at a ServiceOntario Centre is 5:00 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2009.

Before You Apply – Advance Preparation

You will need a valid hunting version Outdoors Card to apply to the controlled deer hunt draw.

If your Outdoors Card has expired, the quickest, most convenient ways to renew are:

- With a call to the toll-free, automated **Outdoors Card renewal line at 1-800-288-1155**
- At *ontario.ca/outdoorscard*.

Once you have successfully completed your Outdoors Card renewal by either method, you may proceed immediately to the telephone application system for the controlled deer draw or return your paper application to a ServiceOntario Centre. For more information on renewal options see page 15.

If your Outdoors Card is valid but you have moved since you received it, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at **1-800-387-7011** or *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* and provide your current address. This will ensure that you receive your tag at your new address if you are successful in the draw.

See the 2008 Controlled Deer Validation Tag Draw Results table on page 66 for a general indication of the chances of receiving a controlled deer hunt validation tag in 2009.

Selecting a WMU that offers a large number of tags and has relatively few applicants will increase a hunter's chance of getting a validation tag in the draw.

Applying by Telephone

For your convenience you may apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag with a toll-free call to **1-800-288-1155**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week from **August 1, 2009 to 11:55 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2009**. There is no fee to apply.

There are numerous benefits to applying to the draw by telephone, including:

- User- friendly system
- Limits data entry errors
- Confirmation number is automatically supplied
- Postage fees eliminated

To use the telephone application system, you will need:

- A Touch-Tone™ telephone
- A valid hunting version Outdoors Card
- The 2009 Hunt Code representing the first and (optional) second choice Wildlife Management Units and seasons to which you would like to apply (see page 62).

- If applying as part of a group, you will need to have decided with your group if you are the Group Leader or a Group Member. (If you call in as the Group Leader, you will be given a Group Reference Number to identify your group. If you are a Group Member, you will be asked for the Group Reference Number provided to the Group Leader so your group can be identified.)

When using the telephone application system, it is important to remember that you must respond to the questions asked by using the keypad of your phone. **Do not speak your answers.**

What Type of Applicant Are You?

To use the telephone application system, hunters must decide – prior to calling – which type of applicant they are. If your group is using the telephone application system, every member of the group must apply to the draw by telephone.

There are three types of draw applicants:
• Group Leader • Group Member • Individual

Hunters applying as part of a group will have to decide who the Group Leader is and who the Group Members are, prior to calling. The maximum number of hunters that can apply as one group is four, comprised of three Group Members plus the Group Leader.

GROUP LEADER – The Group Leader must be the first member of the group to apply through the telephone application system. The Group Leader is the only member of the group who enters the Hunt Code representing the group's choice of WMU and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2009 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) The Group Leader is then provided with a Group Reference Number to identify the group and its choice(s). The Group Leader must give the Group Reference Number to the Group Members so they may add their names to the group's application when they phone in.

GROUP MEMBERS – Each Group Member must obtain the Group Reference Number from the Group Leader before calling to enter the draw. During the call each Group Member will be asked for the Group Reference Number so the group can be identified and linked together in the draw. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.**

INDIVIDUALS – Individuals must enter the Hunt Code representing their choice(s) of Wildlife Management Unit and season. (Refer to the table titled Hunt Codes for the 2009 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System on this page.) **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw.**

The deadline for applications by telephone is 11:55 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2009. Remember, do not apply by telephone if you have already submitted a paper application.

Hunt Codes for the 2009 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System

WMU	Season Dates for 2009	Hunt Code	Conditions B=Bow SG=Shotguns R=Rifles ML=Muzzle-loaders
53B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	300	SG, ML only
69A2**	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	301	SG, ML only
70	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	302	SG, ML only
76A*	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	303	R, SG, ML
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	304	R, SG, ML
76B*	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	305	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	306	SG, ML only
76C*	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	307	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	308	SG, ML only
76D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	309	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	310	SG, ML only
76E*	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	311	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	312	ML only
77B*	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	313	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	314	SG, ML only
77C	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	315	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	316	SG, ML only
78A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	317	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	318	SG, ML only
78B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	319	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	320	SG, ML only
79C	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	321	SG, ML only
79D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	322	SG, ML only
80	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	323	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	324	B, ML only
81A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	325	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	326	SG, ML only
81B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	327	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	328	SG, ML only
85A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	329	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	330	SG, ML only
85B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	331	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	332	SG, ML only
85C	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	333	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	334	SG, ML only
86A	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	335	SG, ML only
86B	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	336	SG, ML only
87B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	337	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	338	SG, ML only
87C	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	339	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	340	SG, ML only
87D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	341	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	342	SG, ML only
87E	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	343	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	344	SG, ML only
89A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	345	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	346	SG, ML only
89B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	347	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	348	SG, ML only
90A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	349	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	350	SG, ML only
90B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	351	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	352	SG, ML only
91A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	353	SG, ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	354	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	355	SG, ML only
91B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	356	SG, ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	357	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	358	SG, ML only
92A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	359	ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	360	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	361	ML only
92B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	362	ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	363	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	364	ML only
92C	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	365	ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	366	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	367	ML only
92D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	368	ML only
	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	369	ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	370	ML only
93A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	371	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	372	SG, ML only
93B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	373	SG, ML only
	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	374	SG, ML only
94B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	375	SG, ML only

* Some Controlled Hunt Validation Tags for the December hunt in units marked with an asterisk (*) are valid for ANTLERED DEER ONLY.

** WMU 69A2 will be referred to as 69A during the telephone draw entry call.

GROUP LEADER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will help you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep this worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Group Reference Number. **Before you call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2009 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 62.

STEP 1 Contact the members of your group (maximum group size is three plus the leader) to ensure they know you are the Group Leader.

STEP 2 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2009. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 3 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Leader option.

STEP 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

708158 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 5 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	**Hunt Code**
First Choice			
Second Choice			

STEP 6 Stay on the line while the system provides you with a seven digit Group Reference Number. Record this number in the space below.

Group Reference Number: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

STEP 7 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *ontario.ca/outdoorscard.*

STEP 8 As the last step for the Group Leader, contact your Group Members and give them your seven-digit Group Reference Number so that they may call in and add their names to the group's application.

Keep this worksheet for your files.

GROUP MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

To use this worksheet, ensure you are a Group Member and not a Group Leader or an Individual Applicant. If you are the first member of your group to apply to the draw by telephone, you are considered the Group Leader and should refer to those instructions before calling.

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Group Reference Number (provided by your Group Leader) and your Outdoors Card Number.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2009. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

STEP 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as part of a group, and at the next prompt, choose the Group Member option.

STEP 3 After the prompt enter the seven-digit Group Reference Number provided by your Group Leader.

Group Reference Number: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Step 4 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

708158 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Step 5 A recording will tell you your group's Hunt Code, WMU and season choice(s) as selected by your Group Leader.

Step 6 **Stay on the line** while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Step 7 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *ontario.ca/outdoorscard* .

At the end of the call you will be told the number of people who have been applied to your group (including yourself).

Keep this worksheet for your files.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS AND WORKSHEET

The instructions and worksheet provided below will assist you with the telephone application process. **Fill in the worksheet spaces before you call**, and keep the worksheet in front of you during the call so you can record your Confirmation Number. Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have been entered in the draw. **Before the call** you need to record your Outdoors Card Number and choice(s) of Hunt Code. The table titled *Hunt Codes for the 2009 Controlled Deer Draw Telephone Application System* is found on page 62.

STEP 1 Call **1-800-288-1155** between August 1 and August 31, 2009. This telephone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until 11:55 p.m. (ET), August 31. (We recommend that you call early in the application period. Do not wait until the last day.) When the system prompts you, choose the Controlled Deer Draw option.

Step 2 When the system prompts you, choose the option to apply as an Individual.

Step 3 After the prompt, enter your 15-digit (hunting version) Outdoors Card Number. Your Outdoors Card Number is:

708158 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Step 4 After the prompt, enter your first choice Hunt Code, and your second choice Hunt Code (if you have one).

Please note: The responsibility for correctly entering the Hunt Code(s) rests solely with the applicant. Listen to your choice(s) carefully before confirming them. You will be given the opportunity during the call to change your selection(s) if you have made a mistake.

	WMU	Season	**Hunt Code**
First Choice			
Second Choice			

Step 5 **Stay on the line** while the system provides you with your Confirmation Number. **Your Confirmation Number is your assurance that you have entered the draw.** Record your Confirmation Number in the space below.

Confirmation Number: ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Step 6 **Stay on the line** to confirm your postal code to ensure that you receive your Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag if you are successful in the draw. If your postal code is not correct, call the Outdoors Card Centre as soon as possible during regular business hours (1-800-387-7011) to update your address. Your address can also be updated 24 hours a day at: *ontario.ca/outdoorscard.*

Keep this worksheet for your files.

Applying by Paper Application

Hunters who wish to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag using a paper application may obtain an application from a ServiceOntario Centre. For a list of Wildlife Management Units in which controlled deer hunts will be held, see page 65.

The paper application has spaces on it for up to four hunters to apply to a controlled hunt as a group. The same application may be used by an individual hunter. Individuals have the same chance to receive a tag as group applicants.

To be eligible for the draw, your completely and correctly filled out paper application and the carbon copy must be received at a ServiceOntario Centre by the **deadline of 5:00 p.m. (ET) on August 31, 2009.** If your application is delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, it is suggested that you allow at least five business days for its delivery. **All late applications will be rejected from the draw without exception.**

Remember, do not submit a paper application if you have already applied to the draw by telephone, or if you are a member of a group which has decided to apply by telephone.

Points to Remember When Applying to the Draw

- Submit only one application in your name.
- Your Outdoors Card must be valid.
- The application must be complete.
- The writing must be legible.
- Your application must be received by the deadline.
- Your hunting licence privileges cannot be under suspension.

The responsibility for entering a complete and correct application rests with the hunter. If you have any questions about your application, or the application process, more information is available from the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940. For a list of WMUs that offer controlled deer hunts, see page 65.

Draw Results Telephone Line

Draw applicants may call the toll-free Draw Results Telephone Line at **1-800-288-1155** to determine the results of the Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw. This automated line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from October 15 until December 31. Hunters will need their 15-digit Outdoors Card number to access their draw record.

Mailing of Validation Tags

Only successful draw applicants will be notified by mail. If you have called the Draw Results Telephone Line and you were successful in the draw, but have not received your validation tag, contact the Outdoors Card Centre at 1-800-387-7011. You can get a duplicate validation tag for a fee through a ServiceOntario Centre only after signing a declaration and verifying your address information. After the season starts, duplicate tags will be issued only at the discretion of the ministry.

Farmer and Landowner Deadline for a Controlled Hunt Validation Tag

Farmers and landowners may submit one (1) application for a controlled deer hunt validation tag if:

- They own a parcel of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more of land in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that is offering a controlled hunt **OR**
- Their occupation is farming and they have an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Farm Business Registration Number (or letter of exemption from the Farm Organization Accreditation Tribunal) in a WMU that is offering a controlled hunt **OR**
- They are the owner or the sole designated representative (president, vice-president, treasurer or secretary) of a company which owns a parcel of land of 20 hectares (50 acres) or more in the WMU that is offering a controlled deer hunt.

Farmers and landowners meeting one of these criteria will be issued a validation tag if:

- They hold a valid hunting version Ontario Outdoors Card **AND**
- They submit an application to a ServiceOntario Centre (page 80) in the area of the hunt **before 5:00 p.m. (ET) on October 1, 2009.**

REMINDER: Ministry of Natural Resources District Offices no longer accept and process Farmer and Landowner Controlled Deer Hunt Applications. Please do not fax, mail or drop off at a ministry office. These applications must be hand-delivered to a ServiceOntario location.

An immediate relative of the farmer or landowner meeting the above criteria also qualifies to receive a controlled deer hunt validation tag. An application signed by the **landowner** must be submitted to the ServiceOntario Centre in the area that administers the controlled hunt in which the hunter wishes to take part. “Immediate relative” when used in reference to a person, means that person’s grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.

2009 Deer Hunts with Controlled Hunter Numbers (No Dogs)

You must have a controlled deer hunt validation tag before participating in these hunts.

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
53B, 79C, 79D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
69A2, 70	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76A	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6 Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	No season	Rifles, shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76B, 76C, 76D, 77A*, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6 Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
76E	Nov. 2 to Nov. 6 Nov. 30 to Dec. 4	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
80, 94B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
80	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	No season	Bows and Muzzle-loading guns only
85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E, 89A, 89B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B, 93A, 93B	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8 Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
86A, 86B	Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only
91A, 91B	Nov. 16 to Nov. 22	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 2 to Nov. 8 Nov. 16 to Nov. 22 Nov. 30 to Dec. 6	No season	Muzzle-loading guns only
93C	Contact Chatham Area Office	No season	Shotguns and Muzzle-loading guns only

* Hunt administered by CFB Borden.
For more information on the WMUs listed above please contact the appropriate MNR office listed on page 80 of this booklet.

DEER HUNTER QUESTIONNAIRE

The Ministry of Natural Resources has simplified the collection of deer harvest information. Deer hunters will receive only one survey to complete, regardless of the number of deer hunts in which they participate. All deer questionnaires will be in postcard format and sent by mail.

We encourage deer hunters to return their completed questionnaire promptly. The information you provide is vital to managing Ontario's deer.

2008 Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw Results

WMU	Season	Quota	Applications 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice	WMU	Season	Quota	Applications 1st Choice	Successful 1st Choice
53B	1	155	215	158	86A	3	450	366	366
69A	3	1,200	968	968	86B	3	500	460	460
70	3	1,500	1,339	1,339	87B	1	700	383	383
76A	1	500	461	461	87C	1	500	262	262
76A	3	250	239	239	87D	1	900	714	714
76B	1	450	422	422	87E	1	600	395	395
76B	3	250	224	224	89A	1	900	840	840
76C	1	675	661	661	89A	3	600	393	393
76C	3	210	199	199	89B	1	1,403	1,410	1,403
76D	1	400	378	378	89B	3	800	692	692
76D	3	200	219	202	90A	1	600	535	535
76E	1	40	10	10	90A	3	650	589	589
76E	3	40	17	17	90B	1	1,400	1,351	1,351
77B	1	780	765	765	90B	3	1,400	1,341	1,341
77B	3	280	223	223	91A	1	550	551	550
77C	1	500	484	484	91A	2	100	30	30
77C	3	270	250	250	91A	3	450	339	339
78A	1	600	539	539	91B	1	650	565	565
78A	3	550	492	492	91B	2	100	66	66
78B	1	600	518	518	91B	3	650	551	551
78B	3	450	440	440	92A	1	250	227	227
79C	1	400	312	312	92A	2	250	169	169
79D	1	175	101	101	92A	3	250	227	227
80	1	2,800	2,459	2,459	92B	1	707	715	707
80	3	400	256	256	92B	2	550	495	495
81A	1	810	813	812	92B	3	550	488	488
81A	3	220	140	140	92C	1	300	291	291
81B	1	830	813	813	92C	2	300	217	217
81B	3	375	329	329	92C	3	250	177	177
85A	1	750	658	658	92D	1	500	449	449
85A	3	450	256	256	92D	2	300	295	295
85B	1	1,300	1,247	1,247	92D	3	450	359	359
85B	3	650	603	603	93A	3	375	796	375
85C	1	700	608	608	93B	3	150	145	145
85C	3	400	390	390	94B	1	175	222	175

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease is a degenerative, fatal brain disease of deer, elk, moose and potentially caribou. As of November 2008, it had been identified in captive and/or wild animals in 15 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces.

Since 2002, Ontario has been focusing its testing for Chronic Wasting Disease on deer and elk but has found no evidence that Chronic Wasting Disease exists inthese species within Ontario. The ministry encourages hunters to take part in the 2009 surveillance program (details will be available before the fall).

The World Health Organization has said there is no scientific evidence that Chronic Wasting Disease can infect humans, but recommends that meat from an infected animal should NOT be eaten.

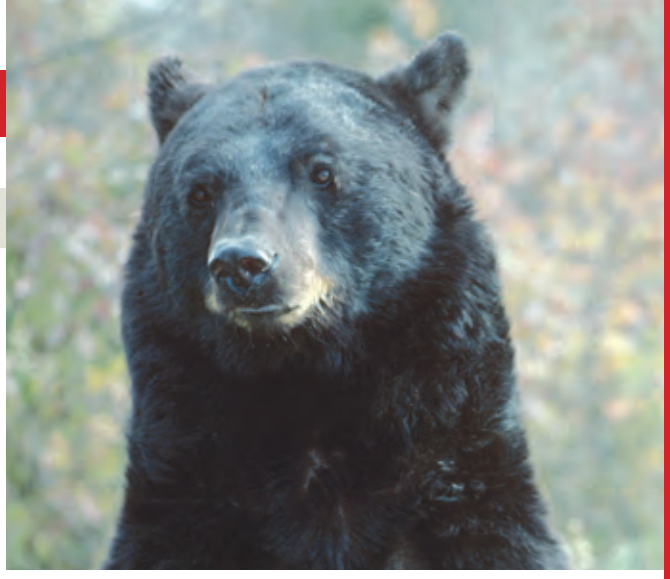
More information on Chronic Wasting Disease, the regulation, Ontario's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance and Response Plan and Chronic Wasting Disease testing program, is available at *ontario.ca/cwd.*

Important Information for Hunters and the Public:

- In Ontario, there is a restriction on the possession of high risk carcass parts of deer and elk that were harvested in other jurisdictions. If you intend to hunt out of Ontario, please consult the "Regulation to Minimize Risk of Chronic Wasting Disease Entering Ontario" at *ontario.ca/cwd* for more information.
- Due to the increased potential to spread disease, the ministry discourages feeding of deer and elk except in emergency situations.
- If you see an animal displaying physical signs of Chronic Wasting Disease (including loss of body weight and condition, indifference to humans, increased salivation, tremors, stumbling), report this information to a ministry office.
- Check *ontario.ca/cwd* for updates.

Black Bear Regulations

INFORMATION FOR ALL BLACK BEAR HUNTERS



Licence fees can be found on page 12.

Firearms

Big game, including black bears, may only be hunted with a firearm (this includes bows). If you are hunting deer or moose at the same time you are hunting black bears, you may only use or carry (on your person, in a vehicle or boat) a firearm of the type permitted for deer or moose, as the case may be, at that time in that WMU.

Specifications on the firearms, bows, bolts and arrows that are permitted when hunting black bear can be found on page 22.

Party Hunting for Black Bears

Party hunting for black bears is permitted during the open season for black bears **under a set of specific conditions. The list of conditions can be found on page 23**.

Sealing and Transporting Black Bears

If you have killed a black bear while hunting alone, you must immediately after the kill and at the kill site securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner described on the seal. The seal must remain attached while transporting the carcass.

If party hunting for black bears, the member whose game seal is to be used must, immediately after the kill and at the kill site, securely attach the game seal to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal.

A person who seals a black bear must notch out the month, date and time of the kill on the game seal.

Only the hunter whose game seal is to be used is allowed to attach the game seal to the black bear. It is illegal to transfer a game seal in order to seal a black bear.

Other Black Bear Hunting Regulations

It is illegal to hunt black bears within 400 m (437 yd.) of a waste disposal site, regardless of whether the land is Crown or private.

It is illegal to shoot or interfere with black bears in their dens, or damage or destroy their dens.

It is illegal to possess a bear gallbladder that has been separated from the bear carcass. Leave the gallbladder with the entrails after field dressing your bear.

Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

In some instances, both a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and a Provincial Export permit are required. Except as outlined on page 68, a resident or non-resident black bear hunter must also obtain a CITES export permit through a ministry office when a black bear or its parts are being exported from Canada.

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A Canadian CITES export permit is not required for U.S. or Canadian resident bear hunters transporting their black bear in a fresh, frozen or salted condition back to the U.S. or through the U.S. en route to another part of Canada at the conclusion of their hunt. The black bear must be part of the hunter's accompanying baggage. **NOTE:** Materials sent as cargo, even if on the same flight as the hunter, are considered commercial and must be accompanied by CITES permits. This exemption does not apply to taxidermy mounts or black bears that are in any condition other than fresh, frozen or salted.

CITES export permits are still required for ALL black bear exports to countries other than the United States.

CITES export permits are not normally available near border crossings and, consequently, hunters are advised to obtain any required permits from a ministry office during business hours closest to where they are hunting.

CITES export permits are available free of charge.

In some countries, importation of black bears is restricted. Requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

More information on CITES is available at *www.cites.ca*.

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

Residents who purchase a black bear hunting licence are required to complete a mandatory questionnaire and mail it to the ministry by December 15 of the year of the hunt. A hunter must submit the mandatory questionnaire even if they did not bear hunt. The questionnaire is included on page 69 of this publication. Copies are available at ServiceOntario Centres or at *ontario.ca/hunting.*

A resident hunter must complete the mandatory questionnaire, place it in an envelope, and mail it to Ministry of Natural Resources, Big Game Harvest Assessment Program, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge ON P1L 1W9 by December 15 of the year of the hunt.

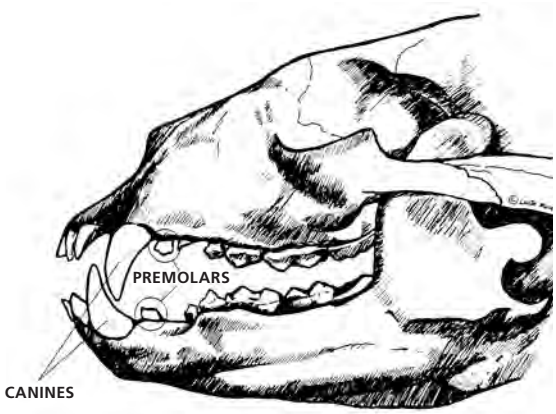
WMU-specific **second game seals for black bears** may be available to resident bear hunters in WMUs where there are no sustainability concerns. The second game seal allows a resident hunter to harvest a second black bear. A second game seal can be purchased and/or used before the seal received with the licence tag is filled. These seals are available from ServiceOntario Centres. You can contact a ServiceOntario Centre in August of the year of the hunt for information on WMUs where second game seals are available or go to *ontario.ca/hunting.* **It is illegal to hunt in a WMU not specified on the game seal when hunting black bears under a second game seal.**

BLACK BEAR HUNTERS WE NEED YOUR HELP

Successful black bear hunters can assist the Ministry of Natural Resources in determining the age structure of local bear populations by submitting for analysis two premolar teeth from each bear harvested. This information provides data necessary for the sustainable management of the species.

In return for your support of wildlife management efforts, an Ontario Bear Hunter Crest and information about the age of your bear(s) will be mailed to your home address, usually within six months. Please contact the ministry office in the area in which you will be hunting, or your bear operator, for more information.

Premolar teeth should be extracted shortly after the animal has been killed while the jaw is still pliable. The first premolar is a small, single-rooted peg-like tooth located just behind the canines. To remove the tooth push the blade of a knife down along all sides of the tooth between it and the gum. Gently loosen the tooth by rocking it back and forth using the canine for leverage, then carefully remove the tooth using pliers. Care should be taken when extracting the tooth to ensure that the root is not broken.



2009 Mandatory Questionnaire for Resident Black Bear Hunters

Regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, require that **all residents who purchase a black bear hunting licence complete the mandatory questionnaire** below and submit it to the ministry by **December 15, 2009. You must submit a report even if you did not bear hunt.**

At the end of your hunting activity for the year, please complete the questionnaire below, and tear off this page and mail it in an envelope to the following address:

Ministry of Natural Resources
Big Game Harvest Assessment Program
1350 High Falls Road
Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9

Copies of this questionnaire are available at ServiceOntario Centres and *ontario.ca/hunting*.

Personal information contained on this form is requested under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, and will be used for the purposes of administration of the act, population management and harvest assessment. Questions about the collection of this information should be referred to:

Ministry of Natural Resources Wildlife Surveys Officer, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9, telephone (705) 646-5541.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____

Your Outdoors Card Number is:

7 0 8 1 5 8 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence No.

B ☐☐☐☐☐

1. (a) Did you specifically hunt for bears in 2009? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   (b) Did you hunt bears while deer or moose hunting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. For each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in which you hunted bears in 2009, provide the following information relating to **your** activities while bear hunting (if the answer is none, enter the number "0"):

	WMU ☐☐☐	WMU ☐☐☐	WMU ☐☐☐
Number of days spent hunting bears			
Number of live bears seen while bear hunting			

3. Did you attach the **bear game seal that came with your licence** to a bear (no matter who shot the bear)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes,
   (a) What sex was the bear? ☐ Female ☐ Male
   (b) In which Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) was the bear shot? WMU ☐☐☐
   (c) On what date was the bear shot? ☐☐/☐☐
   month day

4. Did you purchase a **second bear game seal** in 2009? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If you did not purchase a second bear game seal, you have completed your questionnaire.
   If you purchased a second seal, please respond to the following questions:

   (a) Did you attach this seal to another bear (no matter who shot the bear)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes,
   (b) What sex was the bear? ☐ Female ☐ Male
   (c) In which WMU was the bear shot? WMU ☐☐☐
   (d) On what date was the bear shot? ☐☐/☐☐
   month day

Thank you for your co-operation in providing this valuable information.

Please voluntarily submit two premolar teeth (see diagram on page 68 of this summary) from your bear(s) for age analysis, and you will receive a bear hunter crest and information on the age of your bear(s). Teeth should be placed in the envelope along with the completed questionnaire, and mailed to the address above.

INFORMATION FOR NON-RESIDENT BLACK BEAR HUNTERS

A non-resident who wishes to hunt a black bear in Ontario must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate (white copy) to validate their non-resident black bear hunting licence. This certificate can be obtained from a bear operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) licensed in Ontario to provide black bear hunting services to non-residents.

The following non-residents are not required to use a licensed bear operator:

- A non-resident hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt a black bear in a Wildlife Management Unit that has an open season for non-residents. Immediate relative, when used in reference to a person, means that person's grandparent, parent, spouse, child, sibling or grandchild.
- A non-resident who is the owner of property in a WMU that has an open black bear season for non-residents.

A non-resident who qualifies under either of these two exceptions MUST still apply for the validation certificate at a ministry office in the area of the hunt. A non-resident black bear hunting licence is not valid unless a validation certificate accompanies it. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one validation certificate will be issued. The non-resident landowner may hunt only in the WMU where the property is located. See also Licence Information, page 12.

A non-resident hunter using the bear hunting services of an operator licensed to provide black bear hunting services must hunt only in the areas designated on the Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate received from the operator. These areas can include Crown or private land located within a Bear Management Area (BMA) assigned to the operator, and private land located within a WMU designated on the operator's licence. The licence to provide black bear hunting services does not permit the operator to provide hunting services on private land located within a BMA licensed to another operator. The operator must have permission of the landowner in order to provide bear hunting services to clients on private land.

Non-resident hunters are required to report their black bear hunting activity and harvest by November 30 of the year of the hunt. To report, the hunter must complete, sign and date the hunter mandatory report on the pink copy of the Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate held by the issuer of the certificate (operator licensed to provide bear hunting services or ministry office). It is the responsibility of the issuer to return the hunter's completed mandatory report to the ministry.

ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag that contains phone number 1-866-514-2327, this animal was chemically immobilized in the past using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption. Please call the above number for specific information on whether Health Canada would recommend that the meat of your animal be consumed.

2009 Black Bear Seasons
Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders

WMU(s)	Resident – Open Season	* Non-resident – Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7B, 8, 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15A, 15B, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18A, 18B, 19, 21A, 21B, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	
7A	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Aug. 15 to Oct. 31	Bows and muzzle-loaders only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53A, 53B, 64, 66, 67, 69A, 69B, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 83, the geographic townships of Keppel and Sarawak in 82A and the geographic township of Amabel in 84	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30	Sept. 8 to Nov. 30	
48, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	

* A Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate is required for non-residents hunting black bear.

Small Game Regulations

Licence information and fees can be found on page 13.

Firearms

In an area where there is an open gun season for deer, moose or black bear, if you are the holder of a small game licence you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle shells or shells loaded with ball or with shot larger than No. 2 shot (or if using non-toxic shot, you may not use steel shot larger than triple BBB steel shot, or bismuth shot that is larger than double BB bismuth shot), unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, moose or black bear as the case may be.

The holder of a small game licence may not use a rifle of greater calibre than .275, except a flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading gun, for hunting small game in the counties of Brant, Elgin, Essex, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Chatham/Kent, Durham, the former regional municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and the City of Toronto.

Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

Game and Migratory Bird Regulations

You may hunt and possess wild turkey, pheasant, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, ptarmigan, and Hungarian partridge. Check the tables for bag and possession limits. **You require a special licence to hunt wild turkey in addition to a small game licence** (see pages 29-31).

You may only hunt game birds identified in the tables. In addition, Ontario residents may hunt American crow, brownheaded cowbird, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, starling and house sparrows.

Specially Protected Birds

You must not shoot specially protected birds or interfere with the eggs and nests of game birds and specially protected birds. (See Definitions, page 79 for a list of Specially Protected Wildlife).

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt pheasant, northern bobwhite and wild turkey throughout the year on game bird hunting preserves. You must arrange with the owner as to when you can hunt. Ontario residents need a licence to hunt small game when hunting on a preserve.

A non-resident hunter needs either a non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve or a non-resident's licence to hunt small game.

Information on wild ducks and avian influenza, including information for hunters handling waterfowl, is available from from the Canadian Wildlife Service at *www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca* by following the avian influenza link or call 1-800-668-6767.

Migratory Game Birds

(See definition on page 78.)

Migratory game bird seasons are the responsibility of the federal government.

The Migratory Birds Convention Act and its regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. **It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400 m (437 yd.) of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days.**

When transporting migratory game birds, a fully feathered wing must remain attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption.

Migratory Game Bird Licensing

You must have a federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game, in order to hunt migratory game birds. This includes hunting with falconry birds and non-indigenous falconry birds. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at most post offices. See page 73 for more information regarding falconry.

More information on migratory game birds is available from:
Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada,
867 Lakeshore Road, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A6
(905) 336-6410 or *www.on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife.*

Pheasant

TOWNSHIP / MUNICIPALITY LICENCES – A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting pheasant in regulated townships (see maps, pp 6-11). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions. Hunting of pheasants with a rifle is prohibited.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Hours
2-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
60, 68, 69A, 70-77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
78	Oct. 14 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	8 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset
88	Oct. 28 to Nov. 7	3 cocks	
79, 80, 87	Oct. 21 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 21 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
93	Oct. 28 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
94	Oct. 28 to Oct. 31	2 cocks	
95	Oct. 22, 23, 29, 30 Nov. 5, 6	**Daily & Possession Limit** **10 of either sex**	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Nov. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 Dec. 3, 4, 5	**Daily & Possession Limit** **5 of either sex**	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Jan. 1 to the last day of February, in any year	**Daily & Possession Limit** **5 of either sex**	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Sharp-Tailed Grouse and Ptarmigan

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1A, 1C, 1D	Sept. 5 to Mar. 31 of the next year	For all WMUs: 5 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 5 Ptarmigan	For all WMUs: 15 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 15 Ptarmigan
2-9, 11-16, 19, 20, 21	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
10, 32-39, 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
17, 18, 22-31, 40	Sept. 15 to Mar. 31 of the next year		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		

Ruffed Grouse and Spruce Grouse

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1A, 1C, 1D	Sept. 5 to Dec. 31	For all WMUs: combined total of 5	For all WMUs: combined total of 15
2-31	Sept. 15 to Dec. 31		
32-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Dec. 31		
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		
72-92	Sept. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year		
93	Oct. 28 to Jan. 15 of the next year		

Gray (Hungarian) Partridge

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 14	8	16
55-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Nov. 14	8	16
60, 68, 69A, 70-75, 88, 89	Sept. 25 to Nov. 14	8	16
76	Oct. 17 to Oct. 23	8	16
87, 90	Oct. 21 to Dec. 15	8	16

Northern Bobwhite

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
CLOSED SEASON IN ALL WMUs			

Falconry

Falconry involves the use of trained raptors (birds of prey; e.g. red tailed hawk) to hunt small game. The rules for falconry in Ontario are set out in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, and associated regulations.

A falconry licence is required to hunt with most raptors, and you must also have a valid small game hunting licence. For more information please contact your local ministry office.

Small Mammals

Squirrel Seasons

Gray (Black), Fox

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
36 - 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	10	10
42 - 44, 46 - 50, 53 - 59, 61 - 67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Dec. 15	10	10
60, 68, 69A, 70 - 92	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	5	10
93, 94	Oct. 28 to Nov. 7	5	10

Rabbit and Hare Seasons

Cottontail Rabbit, European Hare, Varying (Snowshoe) Hare

TOWNSHIP / MUNICIPALITY LICENCES: A township or municipality licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting rabbits in a regulated township (see map, pp. 6-11). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions.

NON-RESIDENTS NOTE: A non-resident's small game licence is not valid for hunting rabbits in the county of Lambton, the Municipality of Chatham / Kent or the county of Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit
1 - 50, 53 - 59	Sept. 1 to June 15 of the next year	1) Cottontail Rabbit: limit of 6 2) European Hare: limit of 6 3) Varying Hare: • for WMUs 1-50 and 53-59: no limit • for WMUs 60-95: 6 maximum
61 - 67, 69B	Sept. 19 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
60, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 74, 75	Sept. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year	
72, 73, 76, 77, 81 - 86	Sept. 25 to the last day of February of the next year	
78, 79, 80, 87, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 21 to the last day of February of the next year	
88, 89	Oct. 28 to the last day of February of the next year	
93, 94	Oct. 28 to the last day of February of the next year	
95	Jan. 1 to the last day of February	

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Furbearing Mammal Regulations

Furbearing Mammals

You may only hunt the furbearing mammals (see Definitions, page 78) listed in the table below under the authority of your small game licence. See special regulations for **Wolf and Coyote** on page 75. Note that a small game licence is not valid in northern Ontario and parts of central Ontario (as shown on Map 2, pages 8-9) from June 16 to August 31.

If you wish to hunt **raccoons at night**, you must carry your licence to hunt raccoon at night and your Outdoors Card with a small game licence. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered for the following cartridges: .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle. Raccoon night hunters must have their guns encased while in the vehicle. A licensed night raccoon hunter may use a light if it is not shone from or attached to a vehicle or boat.

Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season

Small game hunters who harvest furbearing mammals, including wolves and coyotes, during the open season and have not disposed of the pelts by the close of the season must obtain a Licence to Possess a Pelt in order to possess pelts during the closed season. This licence is available at no charge at Ministry of Natural Resources offices.

Royalty, Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating, including taxidermy), or a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

Selling and Spoilage

See General Regulations, page 27, Game Wildlife and Parts for information on Selling and Spoilage.

Furbearing Mammals
which may be taken under the authority of a small game licence

Open Seasons		
Species	**Area**	**Open Season**
Raccoon	All of Ontario*	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15 of the next year
Red Fox	All of Ontario north of French and Mattawa Rivers	Sept. 15 to the last day of Feb. of the next year
	Remainder of Ontario*	All Year
Arctic Fox**	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to Mar. 31 of the next year
Gray Fox	All of Ontario Under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) effective June 30, 2008 Gray Fox may not be killed or possessed.	CLOSED Season
Skunk**	All of Ontario*	All Year
Weasel**	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to the last day of Feb. of the next year
Opossum**	All of Ontario*	Oct. 25 to Jan. 15 of the next year
Wolf and Coyote	See table pg. 76	See table pg. 76

* Generally, Furbearing Mammals may not be hunted in Provincial Parks and Crown Game Preserves (See Hunting in Parks on page 26).
** These species may not be taken by the holder of a non-resident small game licence.

A Message from Ontario's Conservation Officers

You must unload and encase firearms in your possession during the period from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise. The only exception is for licensed night raccoon hunters.

1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)

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Wolf and Coyote Regulations

INFORMATION FOR ALL WOLF AND COYOTE HUNTERS

Licence fees can be found on page 13.

You may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence. **In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95, only your small game licence is required.**

In WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58 the following regulations apply:

- **The wolf/coyote hunting season is closed from April 1 to September 14.**
- **You may only hunt wolves and coyotes under the authority of your small game licence accompanied by a wolf/coyote game seal purchased from ServiceOntario. You can purchase a maximum of two wolf/coyote game seals per calendar year. The seals may be purchased separately or at the same time.**
- **Party hunting of these animals is not permitted.**
- **You are required to immediately attach your wolf/coyote game seal to the wolf/coyote you have killed.**
- **You must complete and mail a mandatory questionnaire on your wolf/coyote hunting activity and harvest by January 15 of the year following the hunt. You must submit the questionnaire even if you bought a seal but did not hunt. Mandatory questionnaires will be mailed to hunters by the ministry in December. Hunters should mail their completed questionnaire to: Ministry of Natural Resources, Big Game Harvest Assessment Program, 1350 High Falls Road, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1W9.**

The above regulatory changes include coyotes within core wolf range (WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53-58) because coyotes are difficult to distinguish from wolves, especially eastern wolves, where their ranges overlap. The above regulations do not apply to wolves and coyotes in WMUs south of core wolf range (WMUs 43-45 and 59-95).

Generally wolves and coyotes cannot be hunted in Provincial Parks, including the Kawartha Highlands Signature Site Park.

Firearms

See page 71, Small Game Regulations, for specifications on firearms.

Sealing and Transporting

Party hunting for wolves and coyotes is not permitted in WMUs 1A, 1C, 1D, 2-42, 46-50 and 53 to 58. This means that you may hunt co-operatively with several hunters, however each hunter will have to be in possession of a wolf/coyote game seal to hunt wolves/coyotes in these WMUs, and the hunter that harvests the animal must personally seal it and may not continue to participate in the hunt unless in possession of an unfilled second wolf/coyote seal. It is illegal to transfer a wolf/coyote game seal from one hunter in order to seal a wolf or coyote taken by another hunter. **NOTE:** The specific rules around "party hunting" as summarized on page 23 apply only to moose, deer or black bears.

Once you have killed a wolf or coyote under a wolf/coyote game seal, you must **immediately** after the kill and at the kill site securely **attach your game seal** to the animal in the manner prescribed on the seal. The game seal must remain attached while the pelt (on or off the carcass) is being transported.

You must notch out the month, date and time of the kill on the wolf/coyote game seal, at the time of, and at the location of, the kill.

In WMUs 43-45 and 59-95 where a wolf/coyote seal is not required, you may hunt co-operatively in a group or party for wolves or coyotes without restrictions on the number of animals harvested or who can take them.

Possession of Pelts During the Closed Season

See page 74, Furbearing Mammals.

Royalty, Import, Export and Shipping

See General Regulations, page 28, for information on Import, Export and Shipping.

A royalty is payable to the province at the time that the hunter obtains a licence to send pelts to a tanner (for tanning or treating, including taxidermy), or a licence to export a furbearing mammal.

You need a Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) permit to export a wolf and several other species from Canada. CITES permits are currently available free of charge from MNR offices. In some countries the importation of wolves is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter prior to shipment.

More information on CITES is available at *www.cites.ca*.

Wolf and Coyote

Species	Area/WMUs	Open Season
Wolf and Coyote*	1A, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 49, and 53B In 48, 50, 53A, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 **except** in the geographic townships listed below with no season.	From September 15, in any year, to March 31, in the next year following
Wolf and Coyote	In the geographic townships of Airy, Alice, Ballantyne, Boulter, Boyd, Bruton, Burns, Butt, Calvin, Cameron, Chisholm, Clancy, Clara, Clyde, Dickens, Dudley, Eyre, Finlayson, Franklin, Fraser, Hagarty, Harburn, Harcourt, Havelock, Head, Herschel, Lauder, Livingstone, Maria, McClintock, McClure, McCraney, McKay, Murchison, Papineau, Paxton, Petawawa, Richards, Rolph, Sabine, Sinclair, and Wylie	No season
Wolf and Coyote	43, 44, 45, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 and 95	All year

* Wolf/coyote game seal required in order to hunt wolves and coyotes in these WMUs.

Game Amphibians and Reptiles

Frogs and Turtles

Snapping turtles and bullfrogs may be taken under the authority of a valid sport or conservation fishing licence. No commercial harvest of snapping turtles or bullfrogs is permitted. You may only take snapping turtles by box or funnel traps or by your bare hands. You may not remove the upper shell from any snapping turtle until immediately before it is prepared for consumption.

No firearm other than a bow (compound, recurve, long) or crossbow may be used to take bullfrogs. A person may take bullfrogs at night without a firearm and a person may shine a light for that purpose.

You may take bullfrogs from July 21 to October 15. You may not take more than 10 bullfrogs in one day nor possess more than 10. Bullfrogs may not be taken in the City of Ottawa (formerly the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton), the counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes (formerly Victoria County) or in the townships in the County of Hastings south of and including the townships of Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel, and Elzevir and Grimsthorpe.

See the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for additional information about the capture and use of frogs for bait.

NOTE: It is illegal to harvest bullfrogs or turtles in provincial parks or Crown Game Preserves.

Open Season for Snapping Turtles

WMU(s)	Residents	Non-residents	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
2 to 45	All year	All year	2	5
61, 62	All year	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5
46-50, 53-60, 63-95	July 15 to Sept. 15	July 15 to Sept. 15	2	5

Field Dressing, Transporting and Preparing Wild Game

Proper handling of harvested game will help ensure a quality food product for the table. Always use a clean sharp knife and cutting tools and wear disposable gloves.

Big Game Field Dressing

Field dressing, or gutting, is the process of removing the entrails (internal organs) from the animal to promote cooling of the carcass and prevent the meat from spoiling.

- Always field dress game immediately after the kill.
- Move the animal to a clean site before field dressing.
- Roll the animal onto its back or side with head higher than the rump.
- Cut a line up from the crotch to the tip of the sternum (where the rib cage ends and the belly starts).
- It is best to cut with the blade up and out of the cavity to prevent cutting into internal organs.
- Free the colon by cutting around the anus and then tie a string just in front of the anus to prevent feces from entering the body cavity.
- Cut around the diaphragm.
- Free the windpipe at the throat and free any internal organs by cutting the tissue attaching them to the backbone.
- Do not cut open the rumen, intestines or bladder. If punctured wipe cavity with paper towels.
- Position carcass to allow blood to drain out.
- Do not wash cavity with water from the field. It is often a source of bacteria.
- Prop open the body cavity to allow air flow and cooling.
- In warm weather remove the skin and apply cheesecloth to help keep meat clean and cool. In cold weather you can leave the skin on.

Transporting

- Avoid dragging game through water, mud or dirt.
- Wipe out body cavity with paper towel if dirt enters.
- Use cheesecloth to keep meat clean if quartering animal. Never use plastic or tarps.
- Keep carcass away from engine heat, gas, road dust and sun. Allow air circulation.

Hanging and Cooling

- Game carcasses should be cooled as soon as possible to a temperature not exceeding 7° Celsius (45° F).
- Hang meat in a place that is cool and dry with good air circulation.
- Remove areas of blood clots or tissue damage with a clean knife.
- Use pepper and cheesecloth on carcass to deter insects in warmer weather.
- If you are not processing your own meat, make butchering arrangements before your hunt.
- If weather turns warm, inspect the carcass and take it to a butcher immediately if you cannot keep it cool.

Game Birds and Waterfowl

- Birds should have the entrails removed as soon as possible.
- Birds can be plucked or skinned.
- Keep free from dirt and natural water in the field.
- Birds must be cooled as soon as possible to a maximum of 4° C (39° F).
- Remove any damaged meat and look for and remove any shot that remains in this area.
- Remember to leave one fully feathered wing on migratory birds when transporting.

Rabbits, Hares and Squirrels

- Peel the hide completely off and remove the tail before cutting the abdomen open and removing the entrails.
- Trim away any shot-damaged meat and look for and remove any shot that remains in this area.
- The carcass should be cooled and maintained at a temperature not exceeding 4° Celsius (39° F), as soon as possible.

Preparing and Cooking Wild Meat for Consumption

- Always wash hands before and after preparing food and keep raw meat away from other food.
- Thaw your meat in the refrigerator, microwave or oven, not on the kitchen counter.
- Utensils, equipment and food contact surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. Disinfecting is especially important where wild game or fish is being prepared in the same kitchen as regular "store-bought" meat, poultry or fish. Disinfection must occur between the two types of preparations.
- You risk your health and the health of others when you do not thoroughly cook meat. Health officials indicate that meat must be cooked to a temperature of 82° Celsius (180° F) or higher. Use a meat thermometer to check that meat is cooked all the way through. Clean the thermometer after each use. Red meat is cooked when it is brown or grey inside and birds are cooked when the juices run clear.
- Ensure that bear meat, whether frozen or fresh, is always cooked to this temperature (and always to a grey colour, not red or pink) to prevent any possibility of Trichinosis, a parasitic disease found in bears in North America. Public health officials advise that smoking, drying, or microwaving may not cook bear meat to a high enough temperature.
- For additional information on safe food handling and meat preparation, consult your local public health unit.
- More detailed guidelines on field dressing, skinning, and processing wild game, are available in the *Ontario's Hunter Education Manual* or at *ontario.ca/hunting*.

Definitions

ANTLERLESS DEER:
Deer that have no antlers or antlers that are both less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) long. Generally, antlerless deer include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes.

BEAR MANAGEMENT AREA:
An area of Crown land licensed to an operator for providing bear hunting services to non-resident bear hunters.

BOWS:
Includes longbows, crossbows, compound bows and recurve bows.

CONTROLLED HUNT:
Hunts in which the total number of hunters is restricted. A hunter needs a controlled hunt validation tag to participate in a controlled hunt.

ENCASED:
A firearm is encased if the firearm is completely contained in a case so that it cannot be loaded or unloaded.

EXPORT PERMIT:
The permit required to take a moose, white-tailed deer, black bear or furbearer, or any part of them, out of Ontario.

GAME WILDLIFE:
A furbearing mammal, game amphibian, game bird, game mammal or game reptile.

FURBEARING MAMMALS:
Badger, beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, arctic fox, gray fox, red fox (all phases), lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, red squirrel, striped skunk, weasel (least, long-tailed and short-tailed), wolf, wolverine and polar bear.

GAME MAMMALS:
Black bear, woodland caribou, cottontail rabbit, white-tailed deer, American elk, European hare, varying hare, moose, gray (black) squirrel and fox squirrel.

GAME BIRDS:
Ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, gray (Hungarian) partridge, ring-necked pheasant, rock ptarmigan, willow ptarmigan and wild turkey.

GAME REPTILES: Common snapping turtle.

GAME AMPHIBIANS: Bullfrogs.

HUNTING:
Includes lying in wait for, searching for, being on the trail of, pursuing, chasing or shooting at wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is killed, injured, captured or harassed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act , 1997 states otherwise.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:
Waterfowl, common moorhens, American coots, common snipe, woodcock and rails (other than yellow and king rails which cannot be harvested).

LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS:

OUTDOORS CARD:
An Outdoors Card constitutes a licence to hunt the animals and birds specified on the licence tag when that tag is affixed to the card and accompanied by any applicable paper hunting licences and game seals and/or validation tags.

LICENCE TAG:
A tag which, when affixed to an Outdoors Card, constitutes a licence to hunt animals or birds, or a class thereof, specified on the tag.

E-LICENCE:
E-licences are resident licences which are available over the Internet and must be printed by the angler or hunter. These licences, when accompanied by an Outdoors Card, allow the angler or hunter to immediately enjoy the open season.

GAME SEAL:
The seal that must be attached to a moose, deer, wild turkey or black bear and to a wolf and coyote (see page 75) as soon as the animal is killed. The game seal must remain attached to the animal while it is transported.

ADDITIONAL GAME SEAL:
A game seal, purchased in addition to the game seal that comes with the deer or black bear licence, which allows the hunter to harvest an additional animal under certain conditions. An additional game seal is NOT a licence to hunt for the species. A licence must be purchased before the additional game seal is valid for use.

VALIDATION TAG OR CERTIFICATE:
A tag or certificate which validates a licence to hunt game animals of a specified number, age or sex or in a specified area.

VALIDATION TAG (RESIDENTS):
A validation tag must be affixed to the front of the game seal to allow resident hunters to hunt adult moose or antlerless deer. In WMUs 48, 55A, 55B, 57 and 65, a specific calf validation tag is required to hunt calf moose. A validation tag is also required to take part in the controlled hunts for deer. A validation tag for a controlled hunt must be carried on your person and not affixed to the game seal.

Moose and deer licences obtained by telephone are validated by the ministry on the game seal itself. They are valid for calf moose or antlered deer in other WMUs except for calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57, during the regular open season providing the game seal has not been used.

VALIDATION TAG (NON-RESIDENTS):
A moose validation tag must be affixed to the back of the non-resident hunter's licence.

VALIDATION CERTIFICATE: A validation certificate must be carried by non-resident black bear hunters.

MOTORBOAT:
A boat with a motor that is attached to the boat and that is capable of being used as a means of propulsion, and includes any floating object being towed by a motorboat.

MUZZLE-LOADER:
A gun that is loaded through the muzzle. A percussion muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and a percussion cap on the nipple. A flintlock muzzle-loading gun is considered to be loaded if there is a charge of powder and a projectile in the barrel and the vent is unplugged.

NON-RESIDENT:
A person who does not qualify as a resident (see Resident). The ownership of property in Ontario does not qualify a person for a resident's licence.

PELT:
The untanned skin of a furbearing mammal, whether or not the skin is on a carcass.

RESIDENT:
An Ontario Resident is a person whose primary residence is any part of Ontario and who has actually resided in any part of Ontario for a period of at least **six (6) consecutive months during the 12 months** immediately preceding the time the licence is purchased.

SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM:
The system that controls the harvest of breeding moose and deer. The harvest of adult moose and antlerless deer is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw. The harvest of calf moose in WMUs 48, 55A, 55B and 57 is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw.

SIBLING:
Each of two or more children having one or both parents in common.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED WILDLIFE*:
A specially protected mammal, specially protected bird, specially protected reptile, specially protected amphibian or specially protected invertebrate.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED MAMMALS:
Big brown bat, eastern pipistrelle bat, hoary bat, least bat, little brown bat, northern long-eared bat, red bat, silver-haired bat, eastern chipmunk, least chipmunk, northern flying squirrel, southern flying squirrel, arctic shrew, cinereus (masked) shrew, least shrew, northern short-tailed shrew, pygmy shrew, smoky shrew and water shrew.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (Raptors):
Bald eagle, golden eagle, peregrine falcon, northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, northern harrier, broad-winged hawk, Cooper's hawk, red-shouldered hawk, red-tailed hawk, rough-legged hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, American kestrel, American swallow-tailed kite, merlin, osprey, barred owl, boreal owl, burrowing owl, barn owl, eastern screech owl, great gray owl, great horned owl, long-eared owl, northern hawk owl, northern saw-whet owl, short-eared owl, snowy owl and turkey vulture.

* Additional species may be added to harmonize with the new Endangered Species Act, 2007.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED BIRDS (other than Raptors):
Brewer's blackbird, rusty blackbird, yellow-headed blackbird, blue jay, gray jay, belted kingfisher, white pelican and common raven.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED REPTILES:
Blue racer, eastern massasauga rattlesnake, five-lined skink, black rat snake, Butler's garter snake, eastern fox snake, eastern hognose snake, eastern smooth green snake, Lake Erie water snake, milk snake, northern water snake, queen snake, eastern spiny softshell turtle, Blanding's turtle, map turtle, midland painted turtle, musk turtle, spotted turtle, western painted turtle and wood turtle.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED AMPHIBIANS:
Blanchard's cricket frog, blue-spotted salamander, eastern tiger salamander, four-toed salamander, Jefferson salamander, northern dusky salamander, redback salamander, smallmouth salamander, spotted salamander, two-lined salamander, Fowler's toad and gray treefrog.

SPECIALLY PROTECTED INVERTEBRATES:
Karner blue butterfly, monarch butterfly, West Virginia white butterfly, mottled dusky wing, bog elfin, frosted elfin, black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, Old World swallowtail, pipevine swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, tiger swallowtail and zebra swallowtail.

SPOUSE:
Either of two persons who are legally married to one another; or either of two persons who live together in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage.

VEHICLE:
Any kind of vehicle that is driven, propelled or drawn on land or ice by any kind of power, including muscular power, and includes the rolling stock of a railway.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS (WMUs):
Numbered divisions of the province used for wildlife management. WMU numbers are used in the tables for open seasons to indicate the relevant geographic areas of the province. Contact the Natural Resources Information Centre for exact descriptions of WMU boundaries.

Government Offices

The Ontario Government is committed to making it easier for citizens to access government services. ServiceOntario (*serviceontario.ca*) is now the key provider of walk-in transactional services and information for the public, including the ministry's hunting and fishing licences.

The following is a listing of ServiceOntario/Government Information Centres (SO/GIC) and MNR counters which will be offering ministy hunting licences:

Should you have any general questions pertaining to the Hunting Regulations Summary, please contact the Natural Resources Information Centre at:

- 1-800-667-1940, or
- by emailing *mnr.nric.mnr@ontario.ca*

Information is also available on the ministry's website at *ontario.ca/hunting.*

SOUTHERN REGION

Greater Toronto Area/Aurora District
(WMUs 72B, 73 [Durham Region Only], 78, 79)

Aurora SO/GIC
50 Bloomington Rd W

Brampton SO/GIC
7765 Hurontario St

Downsview SO/GIC
3737 Chesswood Dr

Halton SO/GIC
1151 Bronte Rd

Toronto SO/GIC
777 Bay St

Whitby SO/GIC
590 Rossland Rd E

Aylmer District
(WMUs 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95)

Aylmer SO/GIC
615 John St N

Chatham SO/GIC
315 King St W

London SO/GIC
100 Dundas St

Sarnia SO/GIC
150 Christina St N

Simcoe SO/GIC
50 Frederick Hobson VC Drive, Suite 201

Windsor SO/GIC
400 City Hall Square

Bancroft District
(WMUs 51, 54, 55A, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63)

Bancroft SO/GIC
50 Monck St

Minden SO/GIC
12698 Hwy 35 By-pass

Guelph District
(WMUs 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89)

Goderich SO/GIC
38 North St

Guelph SO/GIC
1 Stone Rd W

Hamilton SO/GIC
119 King St W

Kitchener SO/GIC
200 King St W

St. Catharines SO/GIC
301 St. Paul St

Stratford SO/GIC
5 Huron St

Kemptville District
(WMUs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69B)

Kemptville SO/GIC
10 Campus Dr

Brockville SO/GIC
7 King St W

Cornwall SO/GIC
127 Sydney St

Hawkesbury SO/GIC
692 Main St E

Kanata SO/GIC
580 Terry Fox Drive

Ottawa SO/GIC
110 Laurier Ave W

Midhurst District
(WMUs 76, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84)

Barrie SO/GIC
34 Simcoe St

Owen Sound SO/GIC
1400 First Ave W

Parry Sound District
(WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53)

Huntsville SO/GIC
207 Main St W

Parry Sound SO/GIC
7 Bay St

Pembroke District
(WMUs 48, 55B, 58, 59)

Pembroke SO/GIC
400 Pembroke St E

Renfrew SO/GIC
316 Plaunt St S

Peterborough District
(WMUs 62, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 72A, 73, 74, 75)

Belleville SO/GIC
199 Front St

Kingston SO/GIC
51 Heakes Lane

Lindsay SO/GIC
322 Kent St W

Peterborough SO/GIC
300 Water St

Tweed SO/GIC
255 Metcalf St

NORTHWEST REGION

Dryden District
(WMUs 5, 8, 15A)

Dryden SO/GIC
479 Government Rd

Ignace SO/GIC
Corner of Hwy. 17 and 599

Fort Frances District
(WMUs 9, 10, 11A, 12)

Atikokan SO/GIC
108 Saturn Avenue

Fort Frances SO/GIC
922 Scott St

Rainy River SO/GIC
334 Fourth St

Kenora District
(WMUs 6, 7)

Kenora SO/GIC
810 Robertson St

Nipigon District
(WMUs 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21A)

Terrace Bay SO/GIC
1004 Hwy 17

Geraldton SO/GIC
208 Beamish Ave W

Nipigon SO/GIC
5 Wadsworth Dr

Red Lake District
(WMUs 2, 3)

Red Lake SO/GIC
51A Hwy. 105

Sioux Lookout District
(WMUs 1C, 4, 16A, 16B)

Sioux Lookout SO/GIC
62 Queen Street

Thunder Bay District
(WMUs 11B, 13, 15B, 16C)

Thunder Bay SO/GIC
435 S James St

NORTHEAST REGION

Chapleau District
(WMU 31)

Chapleau SO/GIC
190 Cherry St

Cochrane District
(WMUs 1A, 1B, 1D, 25, 26, 27)

Cochrane SO/GIC
143 Fourth Ave

Iroquois Falls SO/GIC
33 Ambridge Dr

Moosonee SO/GIC
34 Revillion Rd N

Hearst District
(WMUs 22, 23, 24)

Hearst SO/GIC
613 Front St

Kapuskasing SO/GIC
122 Government Rd W

Kirkland Lake District
(WMU 28)

Kirkland Lake SO/GIC
10 Government Rd E

North Bay District
(WMUs 40, 41, 47)

New Liskeard SO/GIC
280 Armstrong St N

North Bay SO/GIC
447 McKeown Ave

Sturgeon Falls SO/GIC
94A King St

Sault Ste. Marie District
(WMUs 35, 36, 37, 45)

Blind River SO/GIC
62 Queen Ave

Sault Ste. Marie SO/GIC 70 Foster Dr

Elliot Lake SO/GIC
50 Hillside Dr N

Sudbury District
(WMUs 38, 39, 42, 43, 44)

Sudbury SO/GIC
199 Larch St

Espanola SO/GIC
148 Fleming St

Gore Bay SO/GIC
35 Meredith St

Timmins District
(WMUs 29, 30)

Gogama MNR Office
5 Low Ave

Timmins SO/GIC
5520 Hwy 101 E

Wawa District
(WMUs 21B, 32, 33, 34)

Manitouwadge SO/GIC
40 Manitou Rd

Marathon SO/GIC
52 Peninsula Rd

Wawa SO/GIC
48 Mission Rd

For more detailed information pertaining to Licence Issuers, Export Permits, CITES, Game Preserves, please contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources office:

Southern Region

Aurora	(905) 713-7400
Aylmer	(519) 773-9241
Bancroft	(613) 332-3940
Bracebridge	(705) 645-8747
Chatham	(519) 354-7340
Clinton	(519) 482-3428
Guelph	(519) 826-4955
Kemptville	(613) 258-8204
Kingston	(613) 531-5700
Midhurst	(705) 725-7500
Minden	(705) 286-1521
Owen Sound	(519) 376-3860
Parry Sound	(705) 746-4201
Pembroke	(613) 732-3661
Peterborough	(705) 755-2001
Vineland	(905) 562-4147
Tweed	(613) 531-5700

Northwest Region

Atikokan	(807) 597-6971
Dryden	(807) 223-3341
Fort Frances	(807) 274-5337
Geraldton	(807) 854-1030
Ignace	(807) 934-2233
Kenora	(807) 468-2501
Nipigon	(807) 887-5000
Red Lake	(807) 727-2253
Sioux Lookout	(807) 737-1140
Terrace Bay	(807) 825-3205
Thunder Bay	(807) 475-1471

Northeast Region

Blind River	(705) 356-2234
Chapleau	(705) 864-1710
Cochrane	(705) 272-4365
Espanola	(705) 869-1330
Gogama	(705) 894-2000
Hearst	(705) 362-4346
Kapuskasing	(705) 335-6191
Kirkland Lake	(705) 568-3222
Manitouwadge	(807) 826-3225
Moosonee	(705) 336-2987
North Bay	(705) 475-5550
Sault Ste. Marie	(705) 949-1231
Sudbury	(705) 564-7823
Timmins	(705) 235-1300
Wawa	(705) 856-2396